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(57) Abstract: Aqueous gel formulations, including an immune response modifier (IRM), such as those chosen from imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, imidazopyridine amines, 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines, 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amines, imidazonaphthyridine amines, imidazotetrahydronaphthyridine amines, oxazoloquinoline amines, thiazoloquinoline amines, oxazolopyridine amines, thiazolopyridine amines, oxazonaphthyridine amines, thiazolonaphthyridine amines, pyrazolopyridine amines, pyrazoloquinoline amines, tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines, pyrazolonaphthyridine amines, tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines, and 1H-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines, are provided. Methods of use and kits are also provided.

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AQUEOUS GEL FORMULATIONS CONTAINING IMMUNE RESPONSE MODIFIERS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims benefit of US provisional application 60/650030 filed on February 4, 2005.

BACKGROUND

Many imidazoquinoline amine, imidazopyridine amine, 6,7-fused
cycloalkylimidazopyridine amine, 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amine, thiazoloquinoline
amine, oxazoloquinoline amine, thiazolopyridine amine, oxazolopyridine amine,
imidazonaphthyridine amine, imidazotetrahydronaphthyridine amine, and
thiazolonaphthyridine amine compounds have demonstrated potent immunostimulating,
antiviral and antitumor (including anticancer) activity, and have also been shown to be
useful as vaccine adjuvants and for the treatment of TH2-mediated diseases. These
compounds are hereinafter collectively referred to as "IRM" (immune response modifier)
compounds.

The mechanism for the immunostimulatory activity of these IRM compounds is
thought to be due in substantial part to enhancement of the immune response by induction
of various important cytokines (e.g., interferons, interleukins, tumor necrosis factor, etc.).
Such compounds have been shown to stimulate a rapid release of certain
monocyte/macrophage-derived cytokines and are also capable of stimulating B cells to
secrete antibodies, which play an important role in these IRM compounds' activities. One
of the predominant immunostimulating responses to these compounds is the induction of
interferon (IFN)- α production, which is believed to be very important in the acute antiviral
and antitumor activities seen. Moreover, up regulation of other cytokines such as, for
example, tumor necrosis factor (TNF), Interleukin-1 (IL-1), IL-6, and IL-12 also have
potentially beneficial activities and are believed to contribute to the antiviral and antitumor
properties of these compounds.

Although some of the beneficial effects of IRMs are known, the ability to provide
therapeutic benefit via topical application of an IRM compound for treatment of a
particular condition at a particular location may be hindered by a variety of factors. These

factors include irritation of the dermal or mucosal tissue to which the formulation is applied, ciliary clearance of the formulation, formulation wash away, insolubility and/or degradation of the IRM compound in the formulation, physical instability of the formulation (e.g., separation of components, thickening, precipitation/agglomeration of active ingredient, and the like), and poor permeation, for example. Accordingly, there is a continuing need for new methods and formulations to provide the greatest therapeutic benefit from this class of compounds.

SUMMARY

The present invention is directed to aqueous gel formulations, kits, and methods of use. Herein, a "gel" is a composition that is substantially free of oil (and hence, is not a cream or a lotion). Preferably, gels of the present invention have a viscosity of at least 1000 Centipoise (cps) at room temperature (i.e., about 25°C). Preferably, gels of the present invention have a viscosity of no greater than 50,000 cps, and more preferably no greater than 30,000 cps.

Aqueous gels are not easily formed using certain IRMs due to the low intrinsic aqueous solubility of the free base (typically, less than 500 µg at 25°C). As a result, a cosolvent is typically used or a salt of the IRM is prepared in situ. This can result in the need for negatively charged thickeners, particularly two negatively charged thickeners, to provide the desirable viscosity. In preferred embodiments of the present invention, the negatively charged thickeners are not covalently bonded to the IRM.

In one embodiment, such aqueous gels include: water; an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine; a pharmaceutically acceptable acid; a water-miscible cosolvent; and a thickener system including a negatively charged thickener; wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.

In one embodiment, such aqueous gels are prepared by a method that includes combining components including: water; an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine, or a salt thereof; a water-miscible cosolvent; and a thickener system including a negatively charged thickener; wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.

Gel formulations of the present invention can provide desirable vehicles for an IRM compound and can allow for easier manufacture and increased residence time of an IRM compound, particularly on dermal and/or mucosal tissue.

Furthermore, the use of negatively charged thickeners in the aqueous gels of the present invention reduces systemic exposure to the drug and hence reduces systemic levels of cytokines. This is desirable for many conditions for which treatment at a particular location (e.g., cervical dysplasia) is preferred. The use of a combination of negatively charged thickeners (i.e., at least two) is desirable when higher levels of cosolvents are used due to the low solubility of the drug (whether in free base or salt form) in water. This results in an aqueous gel that reduces systemic exposure and is physically stable.

In certain embodiments, the immune response modifier is selected from the group consisting of imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinolines, imidazopyridine amines, 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines, imidazonaphthyridine amines, tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; pyrazolopyridine amines; pyrazoloquinoline amines; tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines; pyrazolonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines; 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines; and combinations thereof.

The present invention also provides methods of using the formulations of the present invention. In one embodiment, the present invention provides a method for delivering an IRM compound to mucosal tissue of a subject, the method including applying an aqueous gel of the present invention. Preferably, the mucosal tissue is associated with a condition selected from the group consisting of a cervical dysplasia, a papilloma virus infection of the cervix, a low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, a high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, a cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, an atopic allergic response, allergic rhinitis, a neoplastic lesion, and a premalignant lesion.

In another method, the aqueous gels of the present invention can be used to treat a dermal and/or mucosal condition in a subject in need thereof. The method includes applying an aqueous gel of the invention to the affected area of the subject. The present

invention also provides kits that include a barrel type applicator and an aqueous gel of the present invention, which can be in a separate container or prefilled in the barrel type applicator.

The terms "comprises" and variations thereof do not have a limiting meaning.
5 where these terms appear in the description and claims.

As used herein, "a," "an," "the," "at least one," and "one or more" are used interchangeably. Thus, for example, an aqueous formulation that comprises "an" immune response modifier can be interpreted to mean that the formulation includes "one or more" immune response modifiers. Similarly, a formulation comprising "a" preservative can be
10 interpreted to mean that the formulation includes "one or more" preservatives.

Also herein, the recitations of numerical ranges by endpoints include all numbers subsumed within that range (e.g., 1 to 5 includes 1, 1.5, 2, 2.75, 3, 3.80, 4, 5, etc.).

The above summary of the present invention is not intended to describe each disclosed embodiment or every implementation of the present invention. The description
15 that follows more particularly exemplifies illustrative embodiments. In several places throughout the application, guidance is provided through lists of examples, which examples can be used in various combinations. In each instance, the recited list serves only as a representative group and should not be interpreted as an exclusive list.

20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

The present invention provides aqueous gel formulations, kits, and methods of use. Such gels are compositions that are substantially free of oil (and hence, they are not creams or lotions). Preferably, gels of the present invention have a viscosity of at least 1000 Centipoise (cps) at 25°C. Preferably, gels of the present invention have a viscosity
25 of no greater than 50,000 cps, and more preferably no greater than 30,000 cps.

In one embodiment, such aqueous gels include: water; an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine; a pharmaceutically acceptable acid; a water-miscible cosolvent; and a thickener system including a negatively charged thickener (preferably, at least two negatively
30 charged thickeners, which are typically of different charge density); wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.

In one embodiment, such aqueous gels are prepared by a method that includes combining components including: water; an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine, or a salt thereof; a water-miscible cosolvent; and a thickener system including a negatively charged thickener (preferably, at least two negatively charged thickeners, which are typically of different charge density); wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.

The immune response modifier is substantially completely dissolved at a therapeutic level (i.e., therapeutically effective amount) in the formulation at room temperature. This amount is effective to treat and/or prevent a specified condition. In general, the amount of IRM present in an aqueous gel formulation of the invention will be an amount effective to provide a desired physiological effect, e.g., to treat a targeted condition (e.g., reduce symptoms of allergic rhinitis), to prevent recurrence of the condition, or to promote immunity against the condition. For certain embodiments, an amount effective to treat or inhibit a viral infection is an amount that will cause a reduction in one or more manifestations of viral infections, such as viral load, rate of virus production, or mortality as compared to untreated control animals.

In certain methods of the present invention, the mucosal tissue is associated with a condition selected from the group consisting of a cervical dysplasia, a papilloma virus infection of the cervix, a low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, a high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, a cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, an atopic allergic response, allergic rhinitis, a neoplastic lesion, and a premalignant lesion.

In certain methods of the present invention, the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is selected from the group consisting of cervical dysplasia, high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, and atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance with the presence of high risk HPV.

In certain methods of the present invention, the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance with the presence of high risk HPV.

In certain methods of the present invention, the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is a papilloma virus infection of the cervix.

The amount of IRM compound that will be therapeutically effective in a specific situation will depend on such things as the dosing regimen, the application site, the particular formulation and the condition being treated. As such, it is generally not practical to identify specific administration amounts herein; however, those skilled in the art will be able to determine appropriate therapeutically effective amounts based on the guidance provided herein, information available in the art pertaining to these compounds, and routine testing.

In some embodiments, the methods of the present invention include administering sufficient formulation to provide a dose of an IRM compound of, for example, from 100 ng/kg to 50 mg/kg to the subject, although in some embodiments the methods may be performed by administering an IRM compound in concentrations outside this range. In some of these embodiments, the method includes administering sufficient formulation to provide a dose of an IRM compound of from 10 µg/kg to 5 mg/kg to the subject, for example, a dose of from 100 µg/kg to 1 mg/kg.

In certain embodiments of the formulations of the invention, the amount or concentration of an IRM compound is at least 0.0001% by weight (wt-%), in other embodiments, at least 0.001 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 0.01 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 0.1 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain embodiments, the amount of an IRM compound is no greater than 7 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 5 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 3 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 2 wt-%, and in other embodiments no greater than 1 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

One or more IRM compounds may be present in the formulation as the sole therapeutically active ingredient or in combination with other therapeutic agents. Such other therapeutic agents may include, for example, antibiotics, such as penicillin or tetracycline, corticosteroids, such as hydrocortisone or betamethasone, nonsteroidal antiinflammatories, such as flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, or naproxen, or antivirals, such as acyclovir or valcyclovir.

In some embodiments, the above-described formulations are particularly advantageous for application for a period of time sufficient to obtain a desired therapeutic effect without undesired systemic absorption of the IRM compound.

The IRM of the present invention is present in the gel formulations in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid. Such acid is preferably present in a stoichiometric amount relative to the IRM.

A wide range of pharmaceutically acceptable acids can be used to form salts of IRMs. Examples of such acids are described in Berge et al., J. Pharm. Sciences, 66, 1-19 (1977). Preferred pharmaceutically acceptable acids (e.g., suitable for incorporation in the gels of the present invention or for forming salts of the IRM of the present invention) include, for example, an alkylsulfonic acid, an arylsulfonic acid, a carboxylic acid, a halo acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, a dicarboxylic acid, a tricarboxylic acid, and combinations thereof. More preferred pharmaceutically acceptable acids include acetic acid, hydrobromic acid, hydrochloric acid, D-gluconic acid, D- and L-lactic acid, methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, propionic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, citric acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, sulfuric acid, D- and L-tartaric acid, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, and combinations thereof. Particularly preferred salts of the IRM are alkylsulfonate salts (e.g., ethanesulfonate or methanesulfonate).

An IRM compound, and salts thereof, described herein include any of their pharmaceutically acceptable forms, such as isomers (e.g., diastereomers and enantiomers), solvates, polymorphs, and the like. In particular, if a compound is optically active, the invention specifically includes the use of each of the compound's enantiomers as well as racemic combinations of the enantiomers. Also, if a salt is optically active, the invention specifically includes the use of each of the salt's enantiomers as well as racemic combinations of the enantiomers.

IRM Compounds

Preferred IRM compounds suitable for use in the formulations of the invention preferably include compounds having a 2-aminopyridine fused to a five membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring. Other small organic molecules known to function as IRM compounds are also suitable for use in the formulations of the invention.

Certain IRMs are small organic molecules (e.g., molecular weight under about 1000 Daltons, preferably under about 500 Daltons, as opposed to large biologic protein, peptides, and the like) such as those disclosed in, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,689,338; 4,929,624; 5,266,575; 5,268,376; 5,346,905; 5,352,784; 5,389,640; 5,446,153; 5,482,936;

5,756,747; 6,110,929; 6,194,425; 6,331,539; 6,376,669; 6,451,810; 6,525,064; 6,541,485; 6,545,016; 6,545,017; 6,573,273; 6,656,938; 6,660,735; 6,660,747; 6,664,260; 6,664,264; 6,664,265; 6,667,312; 6,670,372; 6,677,347; 6,677,348; 6,677,349; 6,683,088; 6,756,382; 6,797,718; and 6,818,650; U.S. Patent Publication Nos. 2004/0091491; 2004/0147543; and 2004/0176367; and International Publication Nos. WO 2005/18551, WO 2005/18556, WO 2005/20999, WO 2005/032484, WO 2005/048933, WO 2005/048945, WO 2005/051317, WO 2005/051324, WO 2005/066169, WO 2005/066170, WO 2005/066172, WO 2005/076783, WO 2005/079195, and WO2005/094531.

IRM compounds suitable for use in the invention preferably include compounds having a 2-aminopyridine fused to a five membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring. Such compounds include, for example, imidazoquinoline amines including but not limited to substituted imidazoquinoline amines such as, for example, amide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, hydroxylamine substituted imidazoquinoline amines, oxime substituted imidazoquinoline amines, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy or arylalkyleneoxy substituted imidazoquinoline amines, and imidazoquinoline diamines; tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines including but not limited to amide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, hydroxylamine substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, oxime substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, and tetrahydroimidazoquinoline diamines; imidazopyridine amines including but not limited to amide substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine amines, aryl ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, amido

ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine ethers, and thioether substituted imidazopyridine amines; 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amines; 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines; imidazonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazolonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; pyrazolopyridine amines; pyrazoloquinoline amines; tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines; pyrazolonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines; and 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines.

In certain embodiments of the present invention, the IRM is an imidazoquinoline amine.

In certain embodiments of the present invention, the IRM is 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine (imiquimod).

In certain embodiments of the present invention, the IRM is 2-propylthiazolo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine.

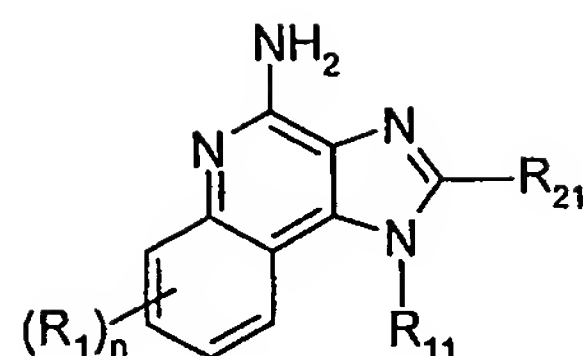
In certain embodiments of the present invention, IRM is an amide substituted imidazoquinoline amine. Preferably, the IRM is selected from the group consisting of 3-(4-amino-2-propyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)propionamide, *N*-[2-(4-amino-7-benzyloxy-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]acetamide, and 4-(4-amino-2-propyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-*N*-propylbutyramide.

In certain embodiments of the present invention, the IRM is *N*-[2-(4-amino-7-benzyloxy-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]acetamide.

In certain embodiments of the present invention, the IRM is a urea substituted imidazoquinoline amine. Preferably, the IRM is *N*-[2-(4-amino-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-*N'*-isopropylurea.

Exemplary IRM Compounds

In certain embodiments of the present invention the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines defined by one of Formulas I-V below:



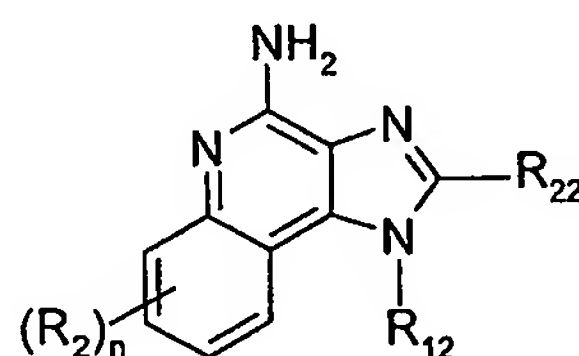
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wherein

R_{11} is selected from alkyl of one to ten carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of one to six carbon atoms, acyloxyalkyl wherein the acyloxy moiety is alkanoyloxy of two to four carbon atoms or benzoyloxy, and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms, benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl, said benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by one or two moieties independently selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms and halogen, with the proviso that if said benzene ring is substituted by two of said moieties, then said moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms;

R_{21} is selected from hydrogen, alkyl of one to eight carbon atoms, benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl, the benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by one or two moieties independently selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms and halogen, with the proviso that when the benzene ring is substituted by two of said moieties, then the moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms; and

each R_1 is independently selected from alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, halogen, and alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, and n is an integer from 0 to 2, with the proviso that if n is 2, then said R_1 groups together contain no more than six carbon atoms;



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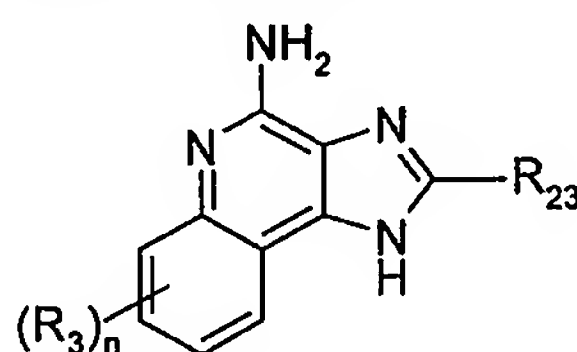
wherein

R_{12} is selected from straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms and substituted straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms, wherein the substituent is selected from straight chain or branched chain

alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms; and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms substituted by straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms; and

R_{22} is selected from hydrogen, straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to eight carbon atoms, benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl, the benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by one or two moieties independently selected from straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms, straight chain or branched chain alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, and halogen, with the proviso that when the benzene ring is substituted by two such moieties, then the moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms; and

each R_2 is independently selected from straight chain or branched chain alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, halogen, and straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms, and n is an integer from zero to 2, with the proviso that if n is 2, then said R_2 groups together contain no more than six carbon atoms;

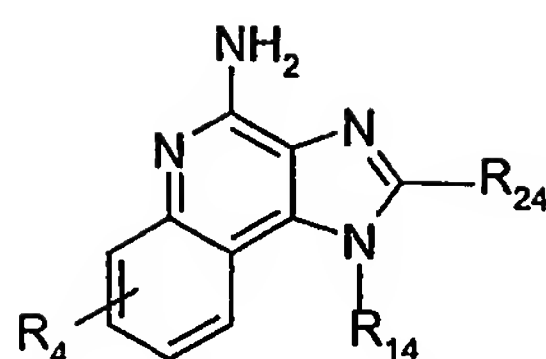


III

wherein

R_{23} is selected from hydrogen, straight chain or branched chain alkyl of one to eight carbon atoms, benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl, the benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by one or two moieties independently selected from straight chain or branched chain alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, straight chain or branched chain alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen, with the proviso that when the benzene ring is substituted by two such moieties, then the moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms; and

each R_3 is independently selected from straight chain or branched chain alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, halogen, and straight chain or branched chain alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, and n is an integer from zero to 2, with the proviso that if n is 2, then said R_3 groups together contain no more than six carbon atoms;



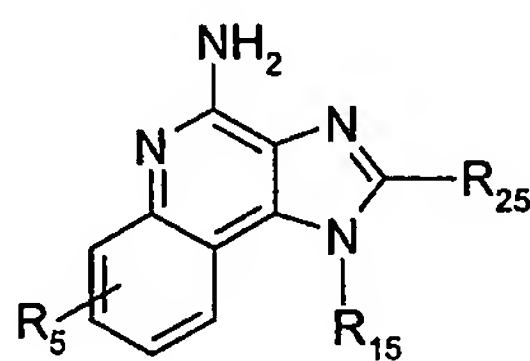
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wherein

R_{14} is $-CHR_xR_y$ wherein R_y is hydrogen or a carbon-carbon bond, with the proviso
 5 that when R_y is hydrogen R_x is alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, hydroxyalkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, 1-alkynyl of two to ten carbon atoms, tetrahydropyranyl, alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to four carbon atoms, or 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, and with the further proviso that when R_y is a carbon-carbon bond R_y and R_x together form a tetrahydrofuranyl
 10 group optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy and hydroxyalkyl of one to four carbon atoms;

R_{24} is selected from hydrogen, alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, phenyl, and substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen; and

15 R_4 is selected from hydrogen, straight chain or branched chain alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, halogen, and straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms;



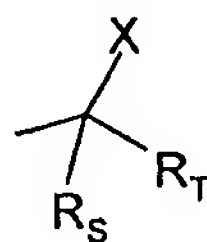
V

20 wherein

R_{15} is selected from hydrogen; straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to ten carbon atoms and substituted straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to ten carbon atoms, wherein the substituent is selected from cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms substituted
 25 by straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms; straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms and substituted

straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms, wherein the substituent is selected from cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms substituted by straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms; hydroxyalkyl of one to six carbon atoms; alkoxyalkyl
 5 wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms; acyloxyalkyl wherein the acyloxy moiety is alkanoyloxy of two to four carbon atoms or benzoyloxy, and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms; benzyl; (phenyl)ethyl; and phenyl; said benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by one or two moieties
 10 independently selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen, with the proviso that when said benzene ring is substituted by two of said moieties, then the moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms;

R₂₅ is



15 wherein

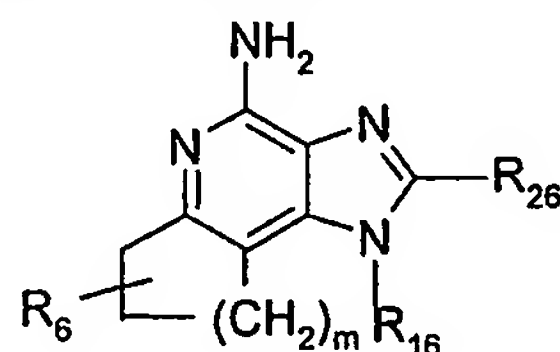
R_S and R_T are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, phenyl, and substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen;

X is selected from alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl
 20 wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to four carbon atoms, hydroxyalkyl of one to four carbon atoms, haloalkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkylamido wherein the alkyl group contains one to four carbon atoms, amino, substituted amino wherein the substituent is alkyl or hydroxyalkyl of one to four carbon atoms, azido, chloro, hydroxy, 1-morpholino, 1-pyrrolidino, alkylthio of one
 25 to four carbon atoms; and

R_S is selected from hydrogen, straight chain or branched chain alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, halogen, and straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any of the foregoing.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 6,7 fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines defined by Formula VI below:



VI

5 wherein

m is 1, 2, or 3;

R_{16} is selected from hydrogen; cyclic alkyl of three, four, or five carbon atoms; straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to ten carbon atoms and substituted straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to ten carbon atoms, wherein the
 10 substituent is selected from cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms substituted by straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms; fluoro- or chloroalkyl containing from one to ten carbon atoms and one or more fluorine or chlorine atoms; straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms and substituted straight chain or branched
 15 chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms, wherein the substituent is selected from cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms and cycloalkyl containing three to six carbon atoms substituted by straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms; hydroxyalkyl of one to six carbon atoms; alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon
 20 atoms; acyloxyalkyl wherein the acyloxy moiety is alkanoyloxy of two to four carbon atoms or benzoyloxy, and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms, with the proviso that any such alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, or acyloxyalkyl group does not have a fully carbon substituted carbon atom bonded directly to the nitrogen atom; benzyl; (phenyl)ethyl; and phenyl; said benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by
 25 one or two moieties independently selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen, with the proviso that when said benzene ring is substituted by two of said moieties, then the moieties together contain no more than six carbon atoms; and $-CHR_xR_y$

wherein

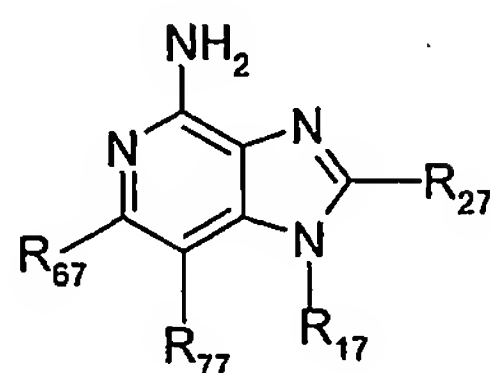
R_y is hydrogen or a carbon-carbon bond, with the proviso that when R_y is hydrogen R_x is alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, hydroxyalkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, 1-alkynyl of two to ten carbon atoms, tetrahydropyranyl, alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to four carbon atoms, 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, and with the further proviso that when R_y is a carbon-carbon bond R_y and R_x together form a tetrahydrofuranyl group optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from hydroxy and hydroxyalkyl of one to four carbon atoms;

10 R_{26} is selected from hydrogen; straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to eight carbon atoms; straight chain or branched chain hydroxyalkyl containing one to six carbon atoms; morpholinoalkyl; benzyl; (phenyl)ethyl; and phenyl, the benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl, or phenyl substituent being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by a moiety selected from methyl, methoxy, and halogen; and $-C(R_S)(R_T)(X)$ wherein R_S and
15 R_T are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, phenyl, and substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen;

X is selected from alkoxy containing one to four carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety
20 contains one to four carbon atoms, haloalkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkylamido wherein the alkyl group contains one to four carbon atoms, amino, substituted amino wherein the substituent is alkyl or hydroxyalkyl of one to four carbon atoms, azido, alkylthio of one to four carbon atoms, and morpholinoalkyl wherein the alkyl moiety contains one to four carbon atoms; and

25 R_6 is selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to four carbon atoms, and straight chain or branched chain fluoro- or chloroalkyl containing one to four carbon atoms and at least one fluorine or chlorine atom; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from imidazopyridine amines defined by Formula VII below:



VII

5 wherein

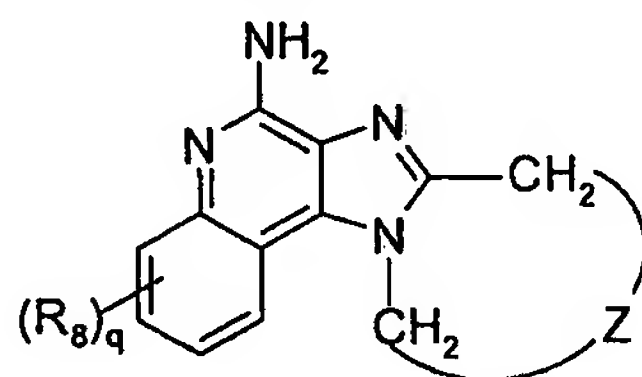
R_{17} is selected from hydrogen; $-CH_2R_W$ wherein R_W is selected from straight chain, branched chain, or cyclic alkyl containing one to ten carbon atoms, straight chain or branched chain alkenyl containing two to ten carbon atoms, straight chain or branched chain hydroxyalkyl containing one to six carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms, and phenylethyl; and $-CH=CR_ZR_Z$ wherein each R_Z is independently straight chain, branched chain, or cyclic alkyl of one to six carbon atoms;

R_{27} is selected from hydrogen; straight chain or branched chain alkyl containing one to eight carbon atoms; straight chain or branched chain hydroxyalkyl containing one to six carbon atoms; alkoxyalkyl wherein the alkoxy moiety contains one to four carbon atoms and the alkyl moiety contains one to six carbon atoms; benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl, the benzyl, (phenyl)ethyl and phenyl being optionally substituted on the benzene ring by a moiety selected from methyl, methoxy, and halogen; and morpholinoalkyl wherein the alkyl moiety contains one to four carbon atoms;

20 R_{67} and R_{77} are independently selected from hydrogen and alkyl of one to five carbon atoms, with the proviso that R_{67} and R_{77} taken together contain no more than six carbon atoms, and with the further proviso that when R_{77} is hydrogen then R_{67} is other than hydrogen and R_{27} is other than hydrogen or morpholinoalkyl, and with the further proviso that when R_{67} is hydrogen then R_{77} and R_{27} are other than hydrogen;

25 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1,2 bridged imidazoquinoline amines defined by Formula VIII below:



VIII

5 wherein

Z is selected from

$-(CH_2)_p-$ wherein p is 1 to 4;

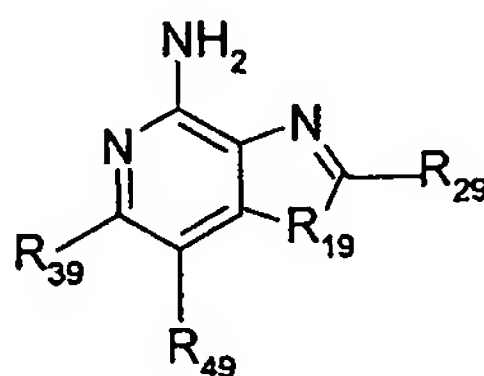
$-(CH_2)_a-C(R_D R_E)(CH_2)_b-$, wherein a and b are integers and a+b is 0 to 3, R_D is hydrogen or alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, and R_E is selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, hydroxy, $-OR_F$ wherein R_F is alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, and $-NR_G R'_G$ wherein R_G and R'_G are independently hydrogen or alkyl of one to four carbon atoms; and

$-(CH_2)_a-(Y)-(CH_2)_b-$ wherein a and b are integers and a+b is 0 to 3, and Y is O, S, or $-NR_J-$ wherein R_J is hydrogen or alkyl of one to four carbon atoms;

15 q is 0 or 1; and

R_8 is selected from alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, alkoxy of one to four carbon atoms, and halogen, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from thiazoloquinoline amines, oxazoloquinoline amines, thiazolopyridine amines, oxazolopyridine amines, thiazolonaphthyridine amines and oxazolonaphthyridine amines defined by Formula IX below:



IX

25 wherein:

R₁₉ is selected from oxygen, sulfur and selenium;

R₂₉ is selected from

- hydrogen;
- alkyl;
- 5 -alkyl-OH;
- haloalkyl;
- alkenyl;
- alkyl-X-alkyl;
- alkyl-X-alkenyl;
- 10 -alkenyl-X-alkyl;
- alkenyl-X-alkenyl;
- alkyl-N(R₅₉)₂;
- alkyl-N₃;
- alkyl-O-C(O)-N(R₅₉)₂;
- 15 -heterocyclyl;
- alkyl-X-heterocyclyl;
- alkenyl-X-heterocyclyl;
- aryl;
- alkyl-X-aryl;
- 20 -alkenyl-X-aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- alkyl-X-heteroaryl; and
- alkenyl-X-heteroaryl;

R₃₉ and R₄₉ are each independently:

- 25 -hydrogen;
- X-alkyl;
- halo;
- haloalkyl;
- N(R₅₉)₂;
- 30 or when taken together, R₃₉ and R₄₉ form a fused
aromatic, heteroaromatic, cycloalkyl or heterocyclic ring;

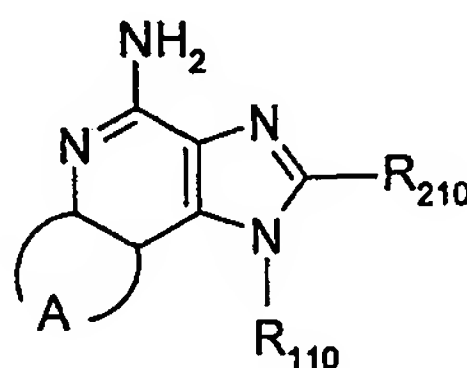
X is selected from $-O-$, $-S-$, $-NR_{59}-$, $-C(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-OC(O)-$, and a bond;

and

each R_{59} is independently H or C_{1-8} alkyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5 In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from imidazonaphthyridine amines and imidazotetrahydronaphthyridine amines defined by Formulas X and XI below:



X

10 wherein

A is $=N-CR=CR-CR=$; $=CR-N=CR-CR=$; $=CR-CR=N-CR=$; or $=CR-CR=CR-N=$;

R_{110} is selected from:

- hydrogen;

15 - C_{1-20} alkyl or C_{2-20} alkenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

20 - $O-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;

- $O-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -aryl;

- $O-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -heteroaryl;

- $O-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -heterocyclyl;

- $CO-O-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;

25 - $S(O)_{0-2}-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;

- $S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -aryl;

- $S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -heteroaryl;

- $S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20}$ alkyl) $_{0-1}$ -heterocyclyl;

- $N(R_{310})_2$;

-N₃;

oxo;

-halogen;

-NO₂;

5 -OH; and

-SH; and

-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl-NR₃₁₀-Q-X-R₄₁₀ or -C₂₋₂₀ alkenyl-NR₃₁₀-Q-X-R₄₁₀ wherein Q is -CO- or -SO₂-; X is a bond, -O- or -NR₃₁₀- and R₄₁₀ is aryl; heteroaryl; heterocyclyl; or -C₁₋₂₀ alkyl or C₂₋₂₀ alkenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents

10 selected from:

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-O-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;

15 -O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;

-O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;

-O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;

-CO-O-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;

-S(O)₀₋₂-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;

20 -S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;

-S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;

-S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;

-N(R₃₁₀)₂;

-NR₃₁₀-CO-O-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;

25 -N₃;

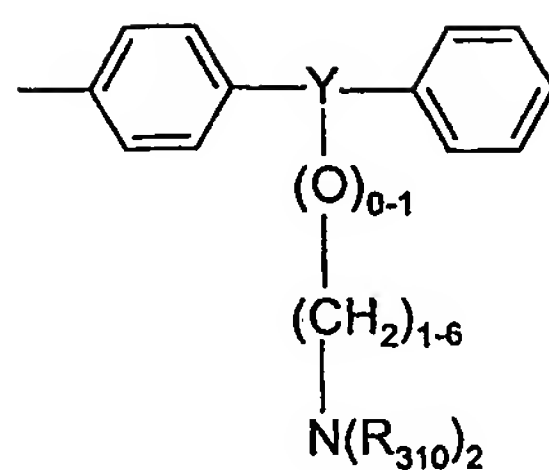
oxo;

-halogen;

-NO₂;

-OH; and

30 -SH; or R₄₁₀ is



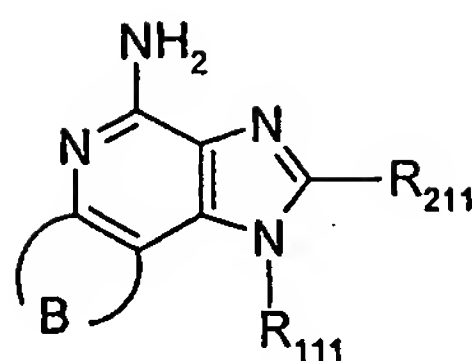
wherein Y is ---N--- or ---CR--- ;

R_{210} is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- 5 ---C_{1-10} alkyl;
- ---C_{2-10} alkenyl;
- aryl;
- ---C_{1-10} alkyl-O- ---C_{1-10} alkyl;
- ---C_{1-10} alkyl-O- ---C_{2-10} alkenyl; and
- 10 ---C_{1-10} alkyl or ---C_{2-10} alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:
- OH;
- halogen;
- $\text{---N}(\text{R}_{310})_2$;
- 15 $\text{---CO---N}(\text{R}_{310})_2$;
- ---CO---C_{1-10} alkyl;
- ---N_3 ;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- 20 -heterocyclyl;
- ---CO---aryl ; and
- $\text{---CO---heteroaryl}$;

each R_{310} is independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl; and

25 each R is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;



XI

wherein

B is -NR-C(R)₂-C(R)₂-C(R)₂-; -C(R)₂-NR-C(R)₂-C(R)₂-;

5 -C(R)₂-C(R)₂-NR-C(R)₂- or -C(R)₂-C(R)₂-C(R)₂-NR-;

R₁₁₁ is selected from:

- hydrogen;

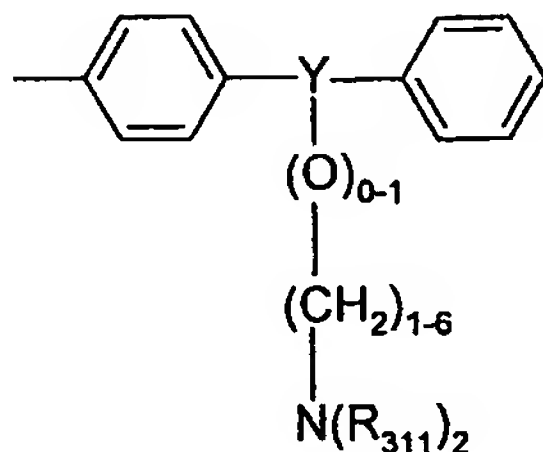
-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl or C₂₋₂₀ alkenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more

substituents selected from:

- 10 -aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- O-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;
- O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- 15 -O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- O-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- CO-O-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-C₁₋₂₀ alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- 20 -S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(C₁₋₂₀ alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- N(R₃₁₁)₂;
- N₃;
- oxo;
- 25 -halogen;
- NO₂;
- OH; and
- SH; and

$-C_{1-20}$ alkyl- NR_{311} -Q-X- R_{411} or $-C_{2-20}$ alkenyl- NR_{311} -Q-X- R_{411} wherein Q is $-CO-$ or $-SO_2-$; X is a bond, $-O-$ or $-NR_{311}-$ and R_{411} is aryl; heteroaryl; heterocyclyl; or $-C_{1-20}$ alkyl or C_{2-20} alkenyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

- 5 -aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- $-O-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;
- $-O-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -aryl;
- 10 $-O-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -heteroaryl;
- $-O-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -heterocyclyl;
- $-CO-O-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;
- $-S(O)_{0-2}-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;
- $-S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -aryl;
- 15 $-S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -heteroaryl;
- $-S(O)_{0-2}-(C_{1-20} \text{ alkyl})_{0-1}$ -heterocyclyl;
- $-N(R_{311})_2$;
- $-NR_{311}-CO-O-C_{1-20}$ alkyl;
- $-N_3$;
- 20 oxo;
- halogen;
- $-NO_2$;
- $-OH$; and
- $-SH$; or R_{411} is



25 wherein Y is $-N-$ or $-CR-$;

R_{211} is selected from:

- hydrogen;

-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -C₁₋₁₀ alkyl -O-C₁₋₁₀-alkyl;
 5 -C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-O-C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl; and
 -C₁₋₁₀ alkyl or C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 from:

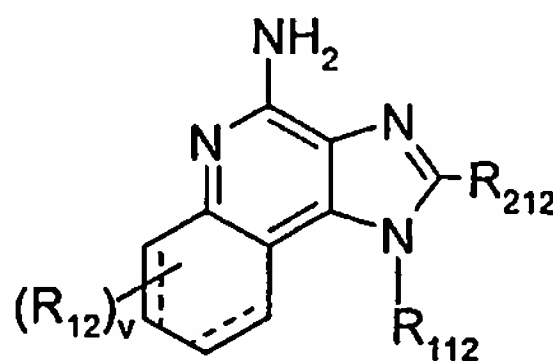
-OH;
 -halogen;
 10 -N(R₃₁₁)₂;
 -CO-N(R₃₁₁)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 15 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

each R₃₁₁ is independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₁₀ alkyl; and

20 each R is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, halogen,
 and trifluoromethyl;
 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1H-imidazo[4,5-
 c]quinolin-4-amines and tetrahydro- 1H-imidazo[4,5-c]quinolin-4-amines defined by

25 Formulas XII, XIII and XIV below:



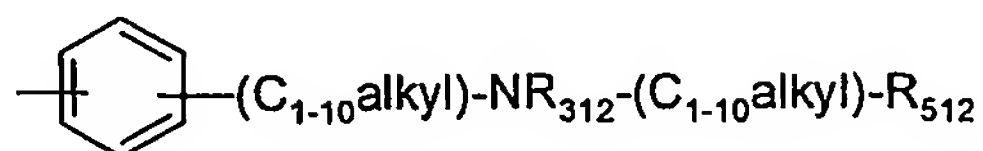
XII

wherein

R_{112} is -alkyl- NR_{312} -CO- R_{412} or -alkenyl- NR_{312} -CO- R_{412} wherein R_{412} is aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

- alkyl;
- 5 -alkenyl;
- alkynyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- 10 --(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
- O-alkyl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- 15 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
- CO-aryl;
- CO-(substituted aryl);
- CO-heteroaryl;
- CO-(substituted heteroaryl);
- 20 -COOH;
- CO-O-alkyl;
- CO-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- 25 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
- P(O)(OR₃₁₂)₂;
- NR₃₁₂-CO-O-alkyl;
- 30 -N₃;
- halogen;
- NO₂;

-CN;
 -haloalkyl;
 -O-haloalkyl;
 -CO-haloalkyl;
 5 -OH;
 -SH; and in the case that R₄₁₂ is alkyl, alkenyl, or heterocyclyl, oxo;
 or R₄₁₂ is



10 wherein R₅₁₂ is an aryl, (substituted aryl), heteroaryl, (substituted heteroaryl),
 heterocyclyl or (substituted heterocyclyl) group;

R₂₁₂ is selected from:

-hydrogen;
 -alkyl;
 15 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -(substituted aryl);
 -heteroaryl;
 -(substituted heteroaryl);
 20 -heterocyclyl;
 -(substituted heterocyclyl);
 -alkyl-O-alkyl;
 -alkyl-O-alkenyl; and
 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 25 from:

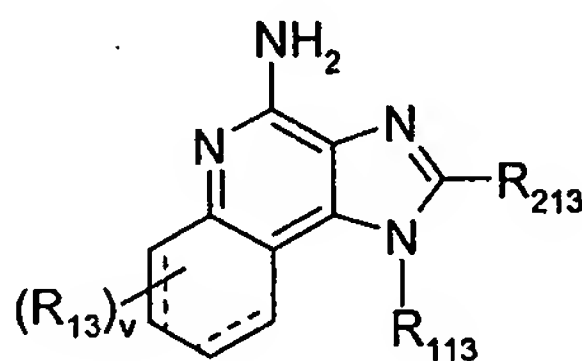
-OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₃₁₂)₂;
 -CO-N(R₃₁₂)₂;
 30 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-N₃;
 -aryl;
 -(substituted aryl);
 -heteroaryl;
 5 -(substituted heteroaryl);
 -heterocyclyl;
 -(substituted heterocyclyl);
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

10 each R₃₁₂ is independently selected from hydrogen; C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-heteroaryl; C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-(substituted heteroaryl); C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-aryl; C₁₋₁₀ alkyl-(substituted aryl) and C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

v is 0 to 4;

and each R₁₂ present is independently selected from C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy,
 15 halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XIII

wherein

20 R₁₁₃ is -alkyl-NR₃₁₃-SO₂-X-R₄₁₃ or -alkenyl-NR₃₁₃-SO₂-X-R₄₁₃;

X is a bond or -NR₅₁₃-;

R₄₁₃ is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-alkyl;
 25 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -substituted cycloalkyl;

- substituted aryl;
- substituted heteroaryl;
- substituted heterocyclyl;
- O-alkyl;
- 5 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted aryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heteroaryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- 10 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heterocyclyl;
- COOH;
- CO-O-alkyl;
- CO-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
- 15 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted aryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- 20 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heterocyclyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃R₃₁₃;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-O-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-aryl;
- 25 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-substituted aryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-heteroaryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₃-CO-substituted heteroaryl;
- N₃;
- halogen;
- 30 -haloalkyl;
- haloalkoxy;
- CO-haloalkyl;

-CO-haloalkoxy;

-NO₂;

-CN;

-OH;

5 -SH; and in the case that R₄₁₃ is alkyl, alkenyl, or heterocyclyl, oxo;

R₂₁₃ is selected from:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

10 -aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl-O-alkyl;

15 - alkyl-O- alkenyl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
from:

-OH;

-halogen;

20 -N(R₃₁₃)₂;

-CO-N(R₃₁₃)₂;

-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-N₃;

25 -aryl;

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

30 -substituted heterocyclyl;

-CO-aryl;

-CO-(substituted aryl);

-CO-heteroaryl; and

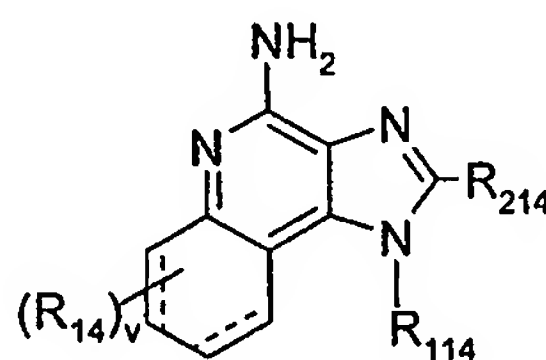
-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

each R_{313} is independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl; or when X is a bond R_{313} and R_{413} can join to form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic or substituted heterocyclic ring;

R_{513} is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl, or R_{413} and R_{513} can combine to form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic or substituted heterocyclic ring;

v is 0 to 4;

and each R_{13} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XIV

wherein

R_{114} is -alkyl- NR_{314} -CY- NR_{514} -X- R_{414} or
-alkenyl- NR_{314} -CY- NR_{514} -X- R_{414}

wherein

Y is =O or =S;

X is a bond, -CO- or -SO₂-;

R_{414} is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

- O-alkyl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted aryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- 5 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heteroaryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heterocyclyl;
- COOH;
- CO-O-alkyl;
- 10 -CO-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted aryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- 15 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-substituted heterocyclyl;
- 20 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄R₃₁₄;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-O-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-aryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-substituted aryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-heteroaryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₃₁₄-CO-substituted heteroaryl;
- 25 -N₃;
- halogen;
- haloalkyl;
- haloalkoxy;
- CO-haloalkoxy;
- 30 -NO₂;
- CN;
- OH;

-SH; and, in the case that R_{414} is alkyl, alkenyl or heterocyclyl, oxo;
with the proviso that when X is a bond R_{414} can additionally be hydrogen;

R_{214} is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- 5 -alkyl;
- alkenyl;
- aryl;
- substituted aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- 10 -substituted heteroaryl;
- alkyl-O-alkyl;
- alkyl-O-alkenyl; and
- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 from:
- 15 -OH;
- halogen;
- $N(R_{314})_2$;
- CO- $N(R_{314})_2$;
- CO- C_{1-10} alkyl;
- 20 -CO-O- C_{1-10} alkyl;
- N_3 ;
- aryl;
- substituted aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- 25 -substituted heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- substituted heterocyclyl;
- CO-aryl;
- CO-(substituted aryl);
- 30 -CO-heteroaryl; and
- CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

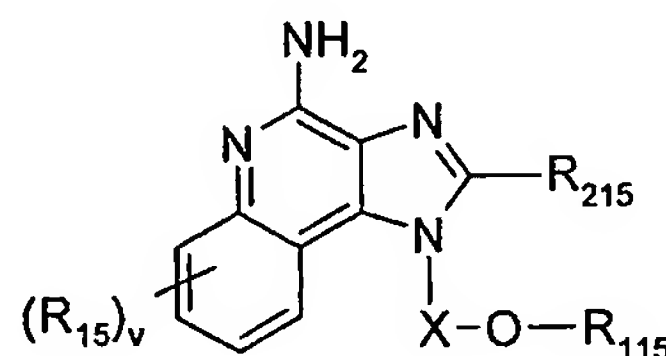
each R_{314} is independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl;

R_{514} is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-10} alkyl, or R_{414} and R_{514} can combine to form a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic or substituted heterocyclic ring;

v is 0 to 4;

and each R_{14} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines and tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines defined by Formulas XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, and XXVI below:



XV

wherein: X is $-CHR_{515}-$, $-CHR_{515}$ -alkyl-, or $-CHR_{515}$ -alkenyl-;

R_{115} is selected from:

- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-R_{615}$ -alkyl;
- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-R_{615}$ -alkenyl;
- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-R_{615}$ -aryl;
- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-R_{615}$ -heteroaryl;
- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-R_{615}$ -heterocyclyl;
- $R_{415}-CR_{315}-Z-H$;
- $R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{615}$ -alkyl;
- $R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{615}$ -alkenyl;
- $R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{615}$ -aryl;
- $R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{615}$ -heteroaryl;
- $R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{615}$ -heterocyclyl; and

$-R_{415}-NR_{715}-CR_{315}-R_{815}$;

Z is $-NR_{515}-$, $-O-$, or $-S-$;

R_{215} is selected from:

-hydrogen;

5 -alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

10 -alkyl-Y-alkyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkenyl;

-alkyl-Y-aryl; and

-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
from:

15 -OH;

-halogen;

$-N(R_{515})_2$;

$-CO-N(R_{515})_2$;

$-CO-C_{1-10}$ alkyl;

20 $-CO-O-C_{1-10}$ alkyl;

$-N_3$;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

25 $-CO-aryl$; and

$-CO-heteroaryl$;

R_{315} is $=O$ or $=S$;

R_{415} is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more

$-O-$ groups;

30 each R_{515} is independently H or C_{1-10} alkyl;

R_{615} is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more $-O-$ groups;

R_{715} is H, C_{1-10} alkyl, or arylalkyl; or R_{415} and R_{715} can join together to form a ring;

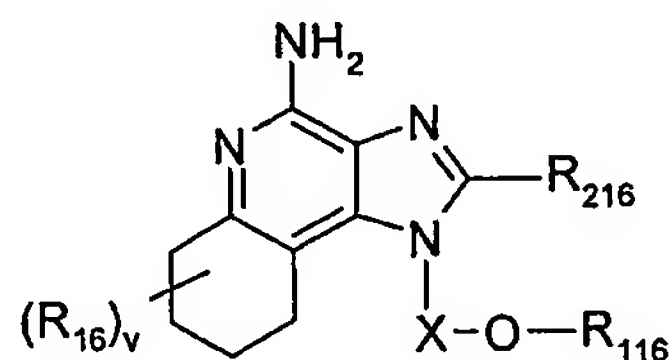
R_{815} is H or C_{1-10} alkyl; or R_{715} and R_{815} can join together to form a ring;

Y is $-O-$ or $-S(O)_{0-2}-$;

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v is 0 to 4; and

each R_{15} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



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XVI

wherein: X is $-CHR_{516}-$, $-CHR_{516}$ -alkyl-, or $-CHR_{516}$ -alkenyl-;

R_{116} is selected from:

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$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-R_{616}$ -alkyl;

$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-R_{616}$ -alkenyl;

$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-R_{616}$ -aryl;

$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-R_{616}$ -heteroaryl;

$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-R_{616}$ -heterocyclyl;

$-R_{416}-CR_{316}-Z-H$;

20

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{616}$ -alkyl;

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{616}$ -alkenyl;

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{616}$ -aryl;

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{616}$ -heteroaryl;

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{616}$ -heterocyclyl; and

25

$-R_{416}-NR_{716}-CR_{316}-R_{816}$;

Z is $-NR_{516}-$, $-O-$, or $-S-$;

R_{216} is selected from:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

5 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
 -alkyl-Y-aryl; and
 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 from:

10 -OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₅₁₆)₂;
 -CO-N(R₅₁₆)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 15 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 20 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

R₃₁₆ is =O or =S;

R₄₁₆ is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more
 -O- groups;

25 each R₅₁₆ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

R₆₁₆ is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -
 O- groups;

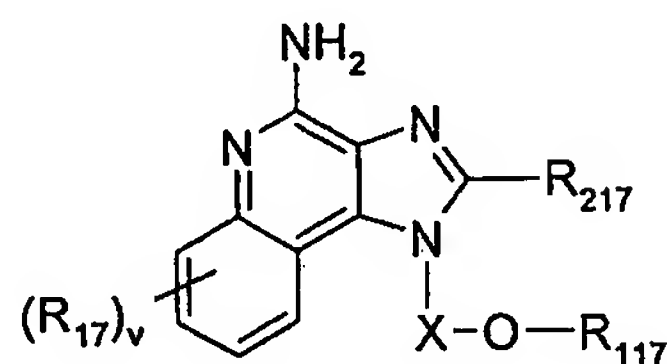
R₇₁₆ is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, arylalkyl; or R₄₁₆ and R₇₁₆ can join together to form a
 ring;

30 R₈₁₆ is H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl; or R₇₁₆ and R₈₁₆ can join together to form a ring;

Y is -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R_{16} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XVII

wherein: X is $-\text{CHR}_{317}-$, $-\text{CHR}_{317}\text{-alkyl}-$, or $-\text{CHR}_{317}\text{-alkenyl}-$;

R_{117} is selected from:

-alkenyl;

-aryl; and

$-\text{R}_{417}\text{-aryl}$;

R_{217} is selected from:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkenyl;

-alkyl-Y-aryl; and

-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;

-halogen;

$-\text{N}(\text{R}_{317})_2$;

$-\text{CO}-\text{N}(\text{R}_{317})_2$;

$-\text{CO}-\text{C}_{1-10}$ alkyl;

$-\text{CO}-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-10}$ alkyl;

-N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

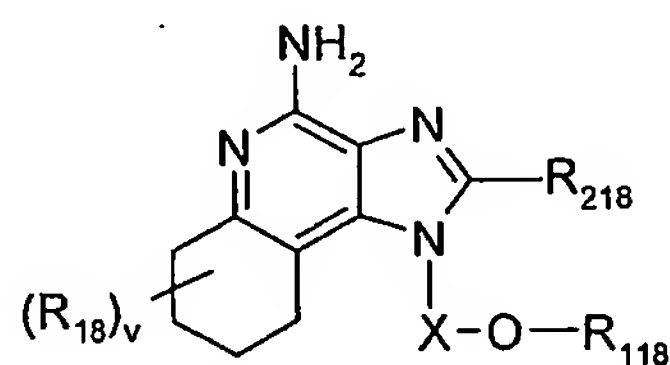
R₄₁₇ is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more
 -O- groups;

each R₃₁₇ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₁₇ present is independently selected from C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy,
 hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XVIII

wherein: X is -CHR₃₁₈-, -CHR₃₁₈-alkyl-, or -CHR₃₁₈-alkenyl-;

R₁₁₈ is selected from:

-aryl;
 -alkenyl; and
 -R₄₁₈-aryl;

R₂₁₈ is selected from:

-hydrogen;
 -alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkyl;
 -alkyl-Y-aryl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkenyl; and
 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 from:

-OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₃₁₈)₂;
 -CO-N(R₃₁₈)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

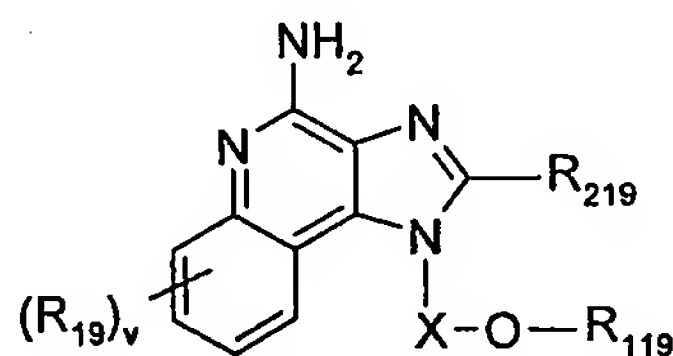
R₄₁₈ is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more
 -O- groups;

each R₃₁₈ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₁₈ present is independently selected C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy,
 hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XIX

wherein: X is -CHR₃₁₉-, -CHR₃₁₉-alkyl-, or -CHR₃₁₉-alkenyl-;

R₁₁₉ is selected from:

- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- R₄₁₉- heteroaryl; and
- R₄₁₉-heterocyclyl;

R₂₁₉ is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- alkyl;
- alkenyl;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- alkyl-Y-alkyl;
- alkyl-Y- alkenyl;
- alkyl-Y-aryl; and
- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

- OH;
- halogen;
- N(R₃₁₉)₂;
- CO-N(R₃₁₉)₂;
- CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- N₃;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- CO-aryl; and
- CO-heteroaryl;

R₄₁₉ is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more

-O- groups;

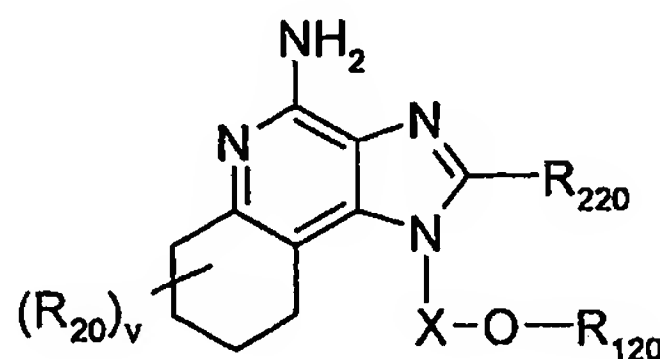
each R₃₁₉ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

each Y is independently $-O-$ or $-S(O)_{0-2}-$;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R_{19} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;

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XX

wherein: X is $-CHR_{320}-$, $-CHR_{320}-alkyl-$, or $-CHR_{320}-alkenyl-$;

10 R_{120} is selected from:

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

$-R_{420}-$ heteroaryl; and

$-R_{420}-$ heterocyclyl;

15 R_{220} is selected from:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

20 -heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkenyl;

-alkyl-Y-aryl; and

25 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;

-halogen;

$-N(R_{320})_2$;

-CO-N(R₃₂₀)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

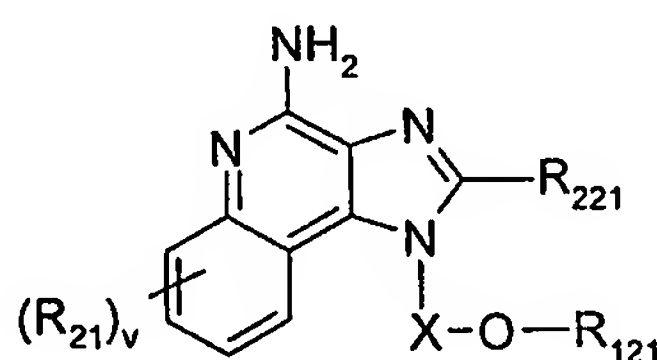
R₄₂₀ is alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more
 -O- groups;

each R₃₂₀ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂-;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₂₀ present is independently selected from C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy,
 hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXI

wherein: X is -CHR₅₂₁-, -CHR₅₂₁-alkyl-, or -CHR₅₂₁-alkenyl-;

R₁₂₁ is selected from:

-R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₆₂₁-alkyl;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₆₂₁-alkenyl;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₆₂₁-aryl;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₆₂₁-heteroaryl;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₆₂₁-heterocyclyl;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-R₇₂₁;
 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NR₅₂₁-R₆₂₁-alkyl;

-R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NR₅₂₁-R₆₂₁-alkenyl;
-R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NR₅₂₁-R₆₂₁-aryl;
-R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NR₅₂₁-R₆₂₁-heteroaryl;
-R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NR₅₂₁-R₆₂₁-heterocyclyl; and
5 -R₄₂₁-NR₃₂₁-SO₂-NH₂;

R₂₂₁ is selected from:

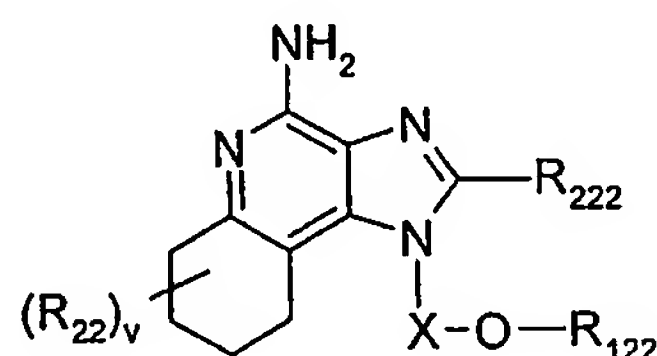
-hydrogen;
-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
10 -aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-alkyl-Y-alkyl;
-alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
15 -alkyl-Y-aryl; and
-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
from:

-OH;
-halogen;
20 -N(R₅₂₁)₂;
-CO-N(R₅₂₁)₂;
-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-N₃;
25 -aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-CO-aryl; and
-CO-heteroaryl;

30 Y is -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

R₃₂₁ is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or arylalkyl;

each R_{421} is independently alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more $-O-$ groups; or R_{321} and R_{421} can join together to form a ring; each R_{521} is independently H, C_{1-10} alkyl, or C_{2-10} alkenyl; R_{621} is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more $-O-$ groups; R_{721} is C_{1-10} alkyl; or R_{321} and R_{721} can join together to form a ring; v is 0 to 4; and each R_{21} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXII

wherein: X is $-\text{CHR}_{522}-$, $-\text{CHR}_{522}\text{-alkyl}-$, or $-\text{CHR}_{522}\text{-alkenyl}-$;

R_{122} is selected from:

- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{622}-\text{alkyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{622}-\text{alkenyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{622}-\text{aryl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{622}-\text{heteroaryl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{622}-\text{heterocyclyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{R}_{722};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}_{522}-\text{R}_{622}-\text{alkyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}_{522}-\text{R}_{622}-\text{alkenyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}_{522}-\text{R}_{622}-\text{aryl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}_{522}-\text{R}_{622}-\text{heteroaryl};$
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}_{522}-\text{R}_{622}-\text{heterocyclyl};$ and
- $-\text{R}_{422}-\text{NR}_{322}-\text{SO}_2-\text{NH}_2;$

R_{222} is selected from:

- $-\text{hydrogen};$

-alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 5 -heterocyclyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
 -alkyl-Y-aryl; and
 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
 10 from:

-OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₅₂₂)₂;
 -CO-N(R₅₂₂)₂;
 15 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 20 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

Y is -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

R₃₂₂ is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or arylalkyl;

25 each R₄₂₂ is independently alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by
 one or more -O- groups; or R₃₂₂ and R₄₂₂ can join together to form a ring;

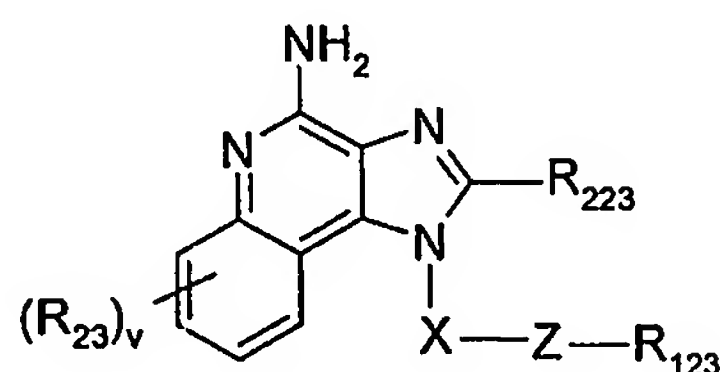
each R₅₂₂ is independently H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl;

R₆₂₂ is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -
 O- groups;

30 R₇₂₂ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl; or R₃₂₂ and R₇₂₂ can join together to form a ring;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R_{22} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXIII

wherein: X is $-\text{CHR}_{323}-$, $-\text{CHR}_{323}\text{-alkyl}-$, or $-\text{CHR}_{323}\text{-alkenyl}-$;

Z is $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$, or $-\text{SO}_2-$;

R_{123} is selected from:

- alkyl;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- alkenyl;
- R_{423} -aryl;
- R_{423} -heteroaryl; and
- R_{423} -heterocyclyl;

R_{223} is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- alkyl;
- alkenyl;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- alkyl-Y-alkyl;
- alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
- alkyl-Y-aryl; and
- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₃₂₃)₂;
 -CO-N(R₃₂₃)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

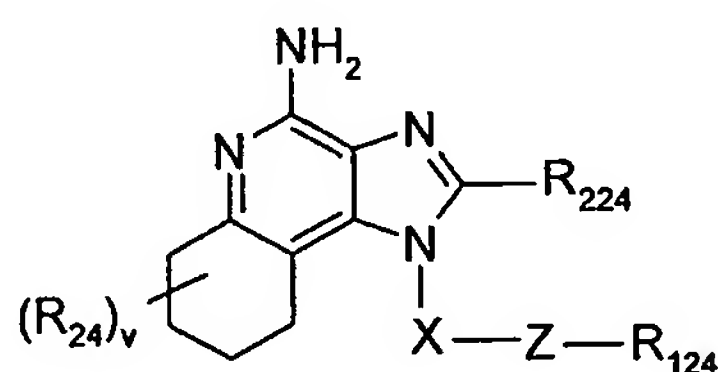
each R₃₂₃ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

each R₄₂₃ is independently alkyl or alkenyl;

each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₂₃ present is independently selected from C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXIV

wherein: X is -CHR₃₂₄-, -CHR₃₂₄-alkyl-, or -CHR₃₂₄-alkenyl-;

Z is -S-, -SO-, or -SO₂-;

R₁₂₄ is selected from:

-alkyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;

-alkenyl;
 -R₄₂₄-aryl;
 -R₄₂₄-heteroaryl; and
 -R₄₂₄-heterocyclyl;

5 R₂₂₄ is selected from:

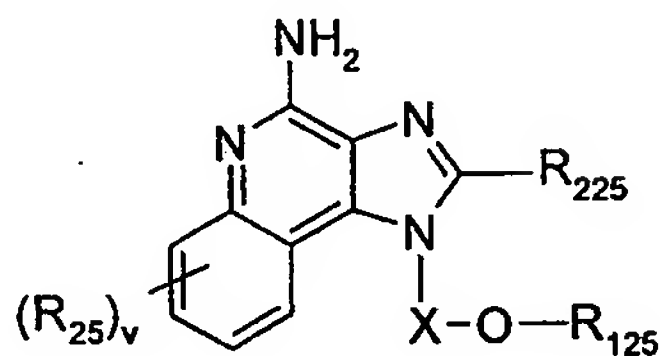
-hydrogen;
 -alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 10 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkyl;
 -alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
 -alkyl-Y-aryl; and

15 -alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;
 -halogen;
 -N(R₃₂₄)₂;
 20 -CO-N(R₃₂₄)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 25 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

30 each R₃₂₄ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 each R₄₂₄ is independently alkyl or alkenyl;
 each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;
 v is 0 to 4; and

each R_{24} present is independently selected from C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXV

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wherein: X is $-CHR_{525}-$, $-CHR_{525}$ -alkyl-, or $-CHR_{525}$ -alkenyl-;

R_{125} is selected from:

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$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}-Z-R_{625}$ -alkyl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}-Z-R_{625}$ -alkenyl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}-Z-R_{625}$ -aryl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}-Z-R_{625}$ -heteroaryl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}-Z-R_{625}$ -heterocyclyl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{525}R_{725}$;

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$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{925}-Z-R_{625}$ -alkyl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{925}-Z-R_{625}$ -alkenyl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{925}-Z-R_{625}$ -aryl;

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{925}-Z-R_{625}$ -heteroaryl; and

$-R_{425}-NR_{825}-CR_{325}-NR_{925}-Z-R_{625}$ -heterocyclyl;

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R_{225} is selected from:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

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-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkyl;

-alkyl-Y-alkenyl;

-alkyl-Y-aryl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;
-halogen;
-N(R₅₂₅)₂;
-CO-N(R₅₂₅)₂;
-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-N₃;
-aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;
-CO-aryl; and
-CO-heteroaryl;

each R₃₂₅ is =O or =S;

each R₄₂₅ is independently alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

each R₅₂₅ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

R₆₂₅ is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

R₇₂₅ is H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl which may be interrupted by a hetero atom, or R₇₂₅ can join with R₅₂₅ to form a ring;

R₈₂₅ is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or arylalkyl; or R₄₂₅ and R₈₂₅ can join together to form a ring;

R₉₂₅ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl which can join together with R₈₂₅ to form a ring;

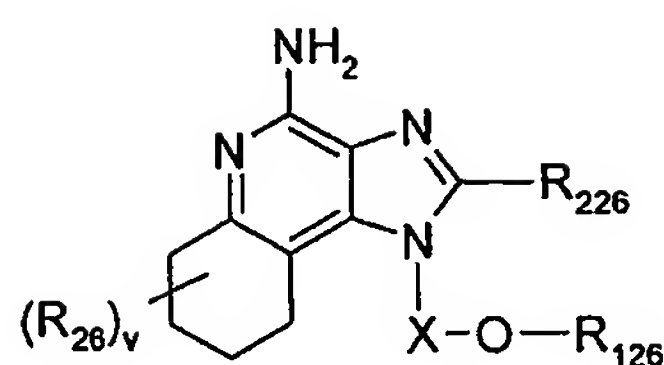
each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂;

Z is a bond, -CO-, or -SO₂-;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₂₅ present is independently selected C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy,

hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;



XXVI

wherein: X is $-\text{CHR}_{526}-$, $-\text{CHR}_{526}\text{-alkyl}-$, or $-\text{CHR}_{526}\text{-alkenyl}-$;

5 R_{126} is selected from:

- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-alkyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-alkenyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-aryl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-heteroaryl};$
- 10 $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-heterocyclyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{526}\text{R}_{726};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{926}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-alkyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{926}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-alkenyl};$
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{926}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-aryl};$
- 15 $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{926}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-heteroaryl};$ and
- $-\text{R}_{426}-\text{NR}_{826}-\text{CR}_{326}-\text{NR}_{926}-\text{Z}-\text{R}_{626}\text{-heterocyclyl};$

R_{226} is selected from:

- hydrogen;
- alkyl;
- 20 -alkenyl;
- aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- alkyl-Y-alkyl;
- 25 -alkyl-Y-alkenyl;
- alkyl-Y-aryl; and
- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:

-OH;

-halogen;
 -N(R₅₂₆)₂;
 -CO-N(R₅₂₆)₂;
 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl; and
 -CO-heteroaryl;

each R₃₂₆ is =O or =S;

each R₄₂₆ is independently alkyl or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

each R₅₂₆ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

R₆₂₆ is a bond, alkyl, or alkenyl, which may be interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

R₇₂₆ is H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl which may be interrupted by a hetero atom, or R₇₂₆ can join with R₅₂₆ to form a ring;

R₈₂₆ is H, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or arylalkyl; or R₄₂₆ and R₈₂₆ can join together to form a ring;

R₉₂₆ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl which can join together with R₈₂₆ to form a ring;

each Y is independently -O- or -S(O)₀₋₂-;

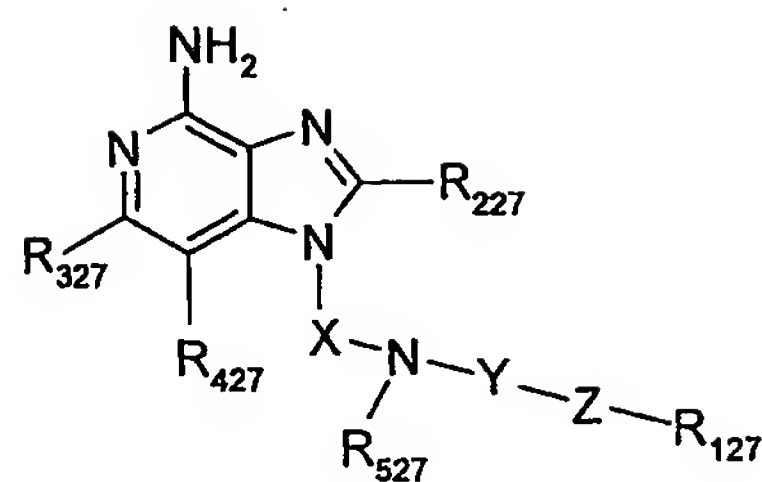
Z is a bond, -CO-, or -SO₂-;

v is 0 to 4; and

each R₂₆ present is independently selected from C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any of the foregoing.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-4-amines defined by Formula XXVII below:



XXVII

wherein

X is alkylene or alkenylene;

Y is $-\text{CO}-$ or $-\text{CS}-$;

Z is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, or $-\text{S}-$;

R_{127} is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted cycloalkyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);

-COOH;

-CO-O-alkyl;

-CO-alkyl;

- S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
 5 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-N(R₆₂₇)₂;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-O-alkyl;
 10 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-alkyl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-aryl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-(substituted aryl);
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-heteroaryl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₇-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);
 15 -N₃;
 -halogen;
 -haloalkyl;
 -haloalkoxy;
 -CO-haloalkyl;
 20 -CO-haloalkoxy;
 -NO₂;
 -CN;
 -OH;
 -SH; and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;
- 25 R₂₂₇ is selected from:
 -hydrogen;
 -alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 30 -substituted aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -substituted heteroaryl;

- alkyl-O-alkyl;
- alkyl-S-alkyl;
- alkyl-O-aryl;
- alkyl-S-aryl;
- 5 -alkyl-O- alkenyl;
- alkyl-S- alkenyl; and
- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from:
- OH;
- 10 -halogen;
- N(R₆₂₇)₂;
- CO-N(R₆₂₇)₂;
- CS-N(R₆₂₇)₂;
- SO₂-N(R₆₂₇)₂;
- 15 -NR₆₂₇-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- NR₆₂₇-CS-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- NR₆₂₇-SO₂-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- 20 -N₃;
- aryl;
- substituted aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- substituted heteroaryl;
- 25 -heterocyclyl;
- substituted heterocyclyl;
- CO-aryl;
- CO-(substituted aryl);
- CO-heteroaryl; and
- 30 -CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

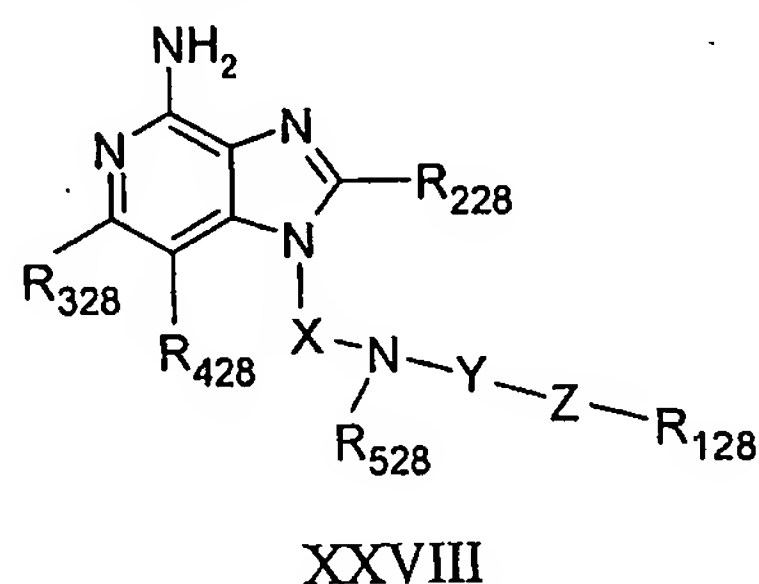
R₃₂₇ and R₄₂₇ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, halogen, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and alkylthio;

R_{527} is H or C_{1-10} alkyl, or R_{527} can join with X to form a ring that contains one or two heteroatoms; or when R_{127} is alkyl, R_{527} and R_{127} can join to form a ring;

each R_{627} is independently H or C_{1-10} alkyl;

5 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-4-amines defined by Formula XXVIII below:



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wherein

X is alkylene or alkenylene;

Y is $-SO_2-$;

Z is a bond or $-NR_{628}-$;

R_{128} is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or

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alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

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-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

-substituted cycloalkyl;

-substituted aryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

25

-substituted heterocyclyl;

-O-alkyl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;

-O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);

- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);
- 5 -COOH;
- CO-O-alkyl;
- CO-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
- 10 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
- S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);
- 15 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-N(R₆₂₈)₂;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-O-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-alkyl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-aryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-(substituted aryl);
- 20 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-heteroaryl;
- (alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₈-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);
- N₃;
- halogen;
- haloalkyl;
- 25 -haloalkoxy;
- CO-haloalkyl;
- CO-haloalkoxy;
- NO₂;
- CN;
- 30 -OH;
- SH; and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;

R₂₂₈ is selected from:

-hydrogen;
-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
5 -substituted aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-alkyl-O-alkyl;
-alkyl-S-alkyl;
10 -alkyl-O-aryl;
-alkyl-S-aryl;
-alkyl-O- alkenyl;
-alkyl-S- alkenyl; and
-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
15 from:
-OH;
-halogen;
-N(R₆₂₈)₂;
-CO-N(R₆₂₈)₂;
20 -CS-N(R₆₂₈)₂;
-SO₂-N(R₆₂₈)₂;
-NR₆₂₈-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-NR₆₂₈-CS-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-NR₆₂₈-SO₂-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
25 -CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-N₃;
-aryl;
-substituted aryl;
30 -heteroaryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-heterocyclyl;

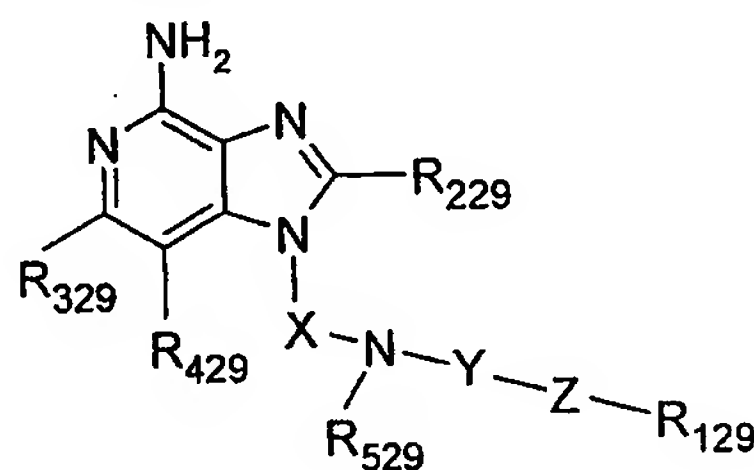
-substituted heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl;
 -CO-(substituted aryl);
 -CO-heteroaryl; and
 -CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

R_{328} and R_{428} are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, halogen, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and alkylthio;

R_{528} is H or C_{1-10} alkyl, or R_{528} can join with X to form a ring; or when R_{128} is alkyl, R_{528} and R_{128} can join to form a ring;

each R_{628} is independently H or C_{1-10} alkyl;
 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-4-amines defined by Formula XXIX below:



XXIX

wherein

X is alkylene or alkenylene;

Y is -CO- or -CS;

Z is -NR₆₂₉-, -NR₆₂₉-CO-, -NR₆₂₉-SO₂-, or -NR₇₂₉-;

R_{129} is aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, alkyl or alkenyl, each of which may be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from:

-alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -substituted cycloalkyl;

-substituted aryl;
 -substituted heteroaryl;
 -substituted heterocyclyl;
 -O-alkyl;
 5 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
 10 -O-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);
 -COOH;
 -CO-O-alkyl;
 -CO-alkyl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-alkyl;
 15 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-aryl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted aryl);
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heteroaryl;
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heteroaryl);
 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-heterocyclyl;
 20 -S(O)₀₋₂-(alkyl)₀₋₁-(substituted heterocyclyl);
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-N(R₆₂₉)₂;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-O-alkyl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-alkyl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-aryl;
 25 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-(substituted aryl);
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-heteroaryl;
 -(alkyl)₀₋₁-NR₆₂₉-CO-(substituted heteroaryl);
 -P(O)(O-alkyl)₂;
 -N₃;
 30 -halogen;
 -haloalkyl;
 -haloalkoxy;

-CO-haloalkyl;
-CO-haloalkoxy;
-NO₂;
-CN;
-OH;
-SH; and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;

R₂₂₉ is selected from:

-hydrogen;
-alkyl;
-alkenyl;
-aryl;
-substituted aryl;
-heteroaryl;
-substituted heteroaryl;
-alkyl-O-alkyl;
-alkyl-S-alkyl;
-alkyl-O-aryl;
-alkyl-S-aryl;
-alkyl-O- alkenyl;
-alkyl-S- alkenyl; and
-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected
from:

-OH;
-halogen;
-N(R₆₂₉)₂;
-CO-N(R₆₂₉)₂;
-CS-N(R₆₂₉)₂;
-SO₂-N(R₆₂₉)₂;
-NR₆₂₉-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-NR₆₂₉-CS-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-NR₆₂₉-SO₂-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
-CO-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-CO-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
 -N₃;
 -aryl;
 -substituted aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 -substituted heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -substituted heterocyclyl;
 -CO-aryl;
 -CO-(substituted aryl);
 -CO-heteroaryl; and
 -CO-(substituted heteroaryl);

R₃₂₉ and R₄₂₉ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, halogen, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, and alkylthio;

R₅₂₉ is H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or R₅₂₉ can join with X to form a ring that contains one or two heteroatoms;

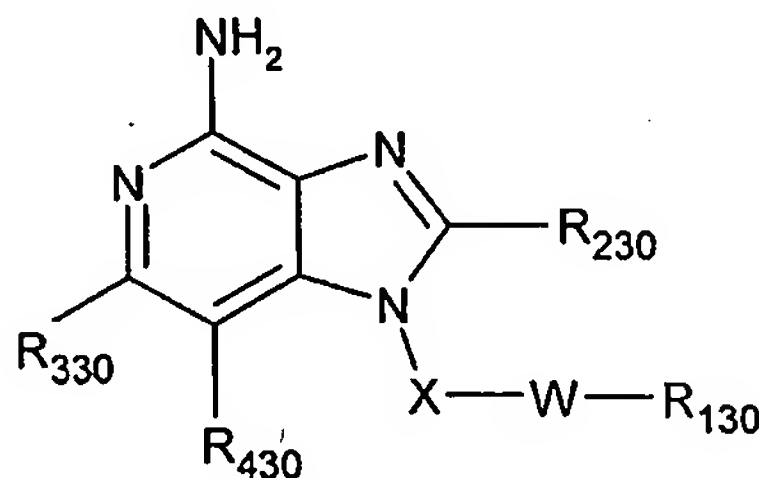
each R₆₂₉ is independently H or C₁₋₁₀alkyl;

R₇₂₉ is H or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl which may be interrupted by a heteroatom; or when

R₁₂₉ is alkyl, R₇₂₉ and R₁₂₉ can join to form a ring;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1-position ether or thioether substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-4-amines defined by Formula XXX below:



XXX

wherein:

X is -CH(R₅₃₀)-, -CH(R₅₃₀)-alkylene-, -CH(R₅₃₀)-alkenylene-,
or CH(R₅₃₀)-alkylene-Y-alkylene-;

Y is -O-, or -S(O)₀₋₂-;

-W-R₁₃₀ is selected from -O-R₁₃₀₋₁₋₅ and -S(O)₀₋₂-R₁₃₀₋₆;

5 R₁₃₀₋₁₋₅ is selected from

-R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-R₈₃₀-alkyl;

-R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;

-R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-R₈₃₀-aryl;

-R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;

10 -R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;

-R₆₃₀-C(R₇₃₀)-Z-H;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₈₃₀-alkyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₈₃₀-aryl;

15 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-R₁₀₃₀;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₈₃₀-alkyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;

20 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₈₃₀-aryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-R₁₀₃₀;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-N(R₅₃₀)-R₈₃₀-alkyl;

25 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-N(R₅₃₀)-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-N(R₅₃₀)-R₈₃₀-aryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-N(R₅₃₀)-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-N(R₅₃₀)-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-SO₂-NH₂;

30 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-alkyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-aryl;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₅₃₀)₂;

-R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N \bigcirc A ;

5 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-alkyl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-alkenyl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-aryl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-heteroaryl;
 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)-Q-R₈₃₀-heterocyclyl;
 10 -R₆₃₀-N(R₉₃₀)-C(R₇₃₀)-N(R₁₁₃₀)H;
 -alkenyl;
 -aryl;
 -R₆₃₀-aryl;
 -heteroaryl;
 15 -heterocyclyl;
 -R₆₃₀-heteroaryl; and
 -R₆₃₀-heterocyclyl;

Z is -N(R₅₃₀)-, -O-, or -S-;

Q is a bond, -CO-, or -SO₂-;

20 A represents the atoms necessary to provide a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic or heteroaromatic ring that contains up to three heteroatoms;

R₁₃₀₋₆ is selected from:

-alkyl;
 -aryl;
 25 -heteroaryl;
 -heterocyclyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -R₆₃₀-aryl;
 -R₆₃₀-heteroaryl; and
 30 -R₆₃₀-heterocyclyl;

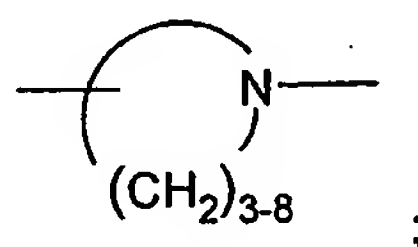
each R₅₃₀ is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl;

R₆₃₀ is alkylene, alkenylene, or alkynylene, which may be interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

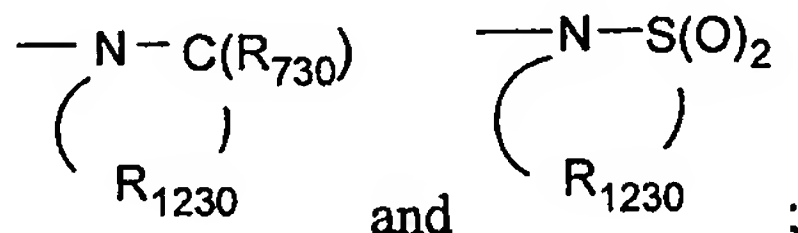
R_{730} is =O or =S;

R₈₃₀ is a bond, alkylene, alkenylene, or alkynylene, which may be interrupted by
5 one or more -O- groups;

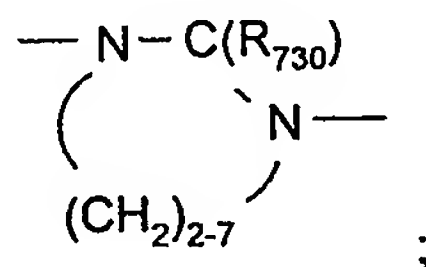
R₉₃₀ is hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, or arylalkyl; or R₉₃₀ can join together with any carbon atom of R₆₃₀ to form a ring of the formula



R₁₀₃₀ is hydrogen or C₁₋₁₀ alkyl; or R₉₃₀ and R₁₀₃₀ can join together to form a ring
10 selected from



R₁₁₃₀ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl; or R₉₃₀ and R₁₁₃₀ can join together to form a ring having the structure



15 R₁₂₃₀ is C₂₋₇ alkylene which is straight chain or branched, wherein the branching does not prevent formation of the ring; and

R₂₃₀, R₃₃₀ and R₄₃₀ are independently selected from hydrogen and non-interfering substituents;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

20 Illustrative non-interfering R₂₃₀ substituents include:

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

25 -heterocyclyl;

-alkylene-Y-alkyl;

-alkylene-Y- alkenyl;

-alkylene-Y-aryl; and

- alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-OH;

-halogen;

-N(R₅₃₀)₂;

-C(O)-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-C(O)-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;

-N₃;

-aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-heterocyclyl;

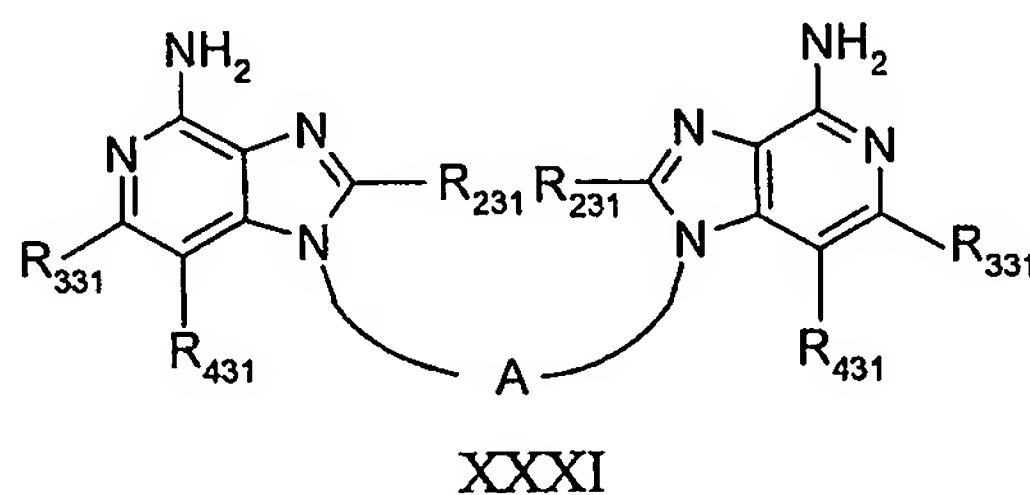
-C(O)-aryl; and

-C(O)-heteroaryl.

Illustrative non-interfering R₃₃₀ and R₄₃₀ substituents include:

C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl, C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, C₁₋₁₀ alkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, halogen, and nitro.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 1*H*-imidazo dimers of the formula (XXXI):



wherein:

A is a divalent linking group selected from the group consisting of:

straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkylene;

straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkenylene;

straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkynylene; and

-Z-Y-W-Y-Z-;

each Z is independently selected from the group consisting of:

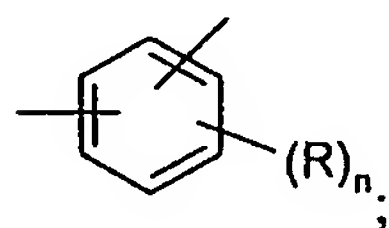
straight or branched chain C₂₋₂₀ alkylene;
 straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkenylene; and
 straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkynylene;
 any of which may be optionally interrupted by -O-, -N(R₅₃₁)-, or
 5 -S(O)₂-;

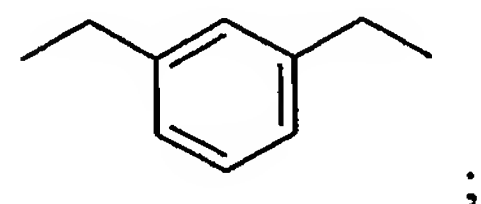
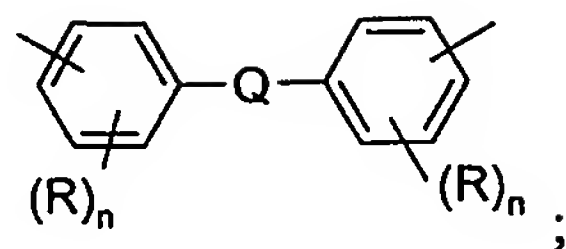
each Y is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a bond;
 -N(R₅₃₁)C(O)-;
 -C(O)N(R₅₃₁)-;
 10 -N(R₅₃₁)C(O)N(R₅₃₁)-;
 -N(R₅₃₁)S(O)₂-;
 -S(O)₂N(R₅₃₁)-;
 -OC(O)O-;
 -OC(O)-;
 15 -C(O)O-;
 -N(R₅₃₁)C(O)O-; and
 -OC(O)N(R₅₃₁)-;

W is selected from the group consisting of:

straight or branched chain C₂₋₂₀ alkylene;
 20 straight or branched chain C₂₋₂₀ alkenylene;
 straight or branched chain C₄₋₂₀ alkynylene;
 straight or branched chain perfluoro C₂₋₂₀ alkylene;
 C₁₋₄ alkylene-O-C₁₋₄ alkylene;
 -C(O)-;
 25 -S(O)₂-;
 -OC(O)O-;
 -N(R₅₃₁)C(O)N(R₅₃₁)-;





1,5-naphthylene;

2,6-pyridinylene;

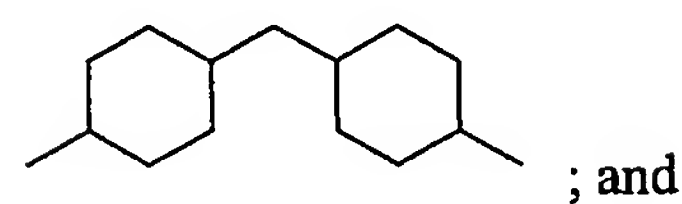
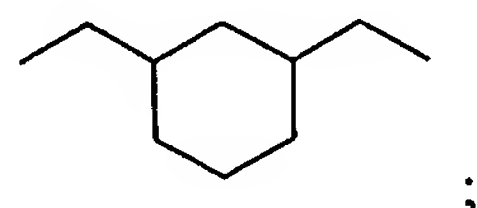
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1,2-cyclohexylene;

1,3-cyclohexylene;

1,4-cyclohexylene;

trans-1,4-cyclohexylene;



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trans-5-norbornen-2,3-diyl;

wherein n is 0 - 4; each R is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, and halogen; and Q is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -CH₂-, and -O-;

15

R₂₃₁ is selected from the group consisting of:

-hydrogen;

-alkyl;

-alkenyl;

-aryl;

20

-substituted aryl;

-heteroaryl;

-substituted heteroaryl;

-alkyl-X-alkyl;

-alkyl-X-aryl;

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-alkyl-X- alkenyl; and

-alkyl or alkenyl substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- OH;
- halogen;
- 5 -N(R₆₃₁)₂;
- C(O)-N(R₆₃₁)₂;
- C(S)-N(R₆₃₁)₂;
- S(O)₂-N(R₆₃₁)₂;
- N(R₆₃₁)-C(O)-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- 10 -N(R₆₃₁)-C(S)-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- N(R₆₃₁)-S(O)₂-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- C(O)-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- C(O)-O-C₁₋₁₀ alkyl;
- N₃;
- 15 -aryl;
- substituted aryl;
- heteroaryl;
- substituted heteroaryl;
- heterocyclyl;
- 20 -substituted heterocyclyl;
- C(O)-aryl;
- C(O)-(substituted aryl);
- C(O)-heteroaryl; and
- C(O)-(substituted heteroaryl);

25 R₃₃₁ and R₄₃₁ are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

- hydrogen;
- halogen;
- alkyl;
- alkenyl;
- 30 -X-alkyl; and
- N(R₆₃₁)₂;

or when taken together, R_{331} and R_{431} form a fused aryl or heteroaryl ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-halogen;
 -alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -X-alkyl; and
 -N(R_{631})₂;

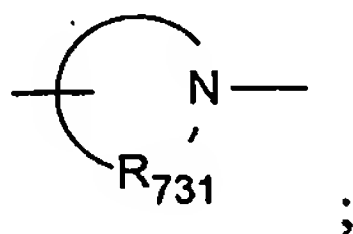
or when taken together, R_{331} and R_{431} form a fused 5 to 7 membered saturated ring, containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms and unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

-halogen;
 -alkyl;
 -alkenyl;
 -X-alkyl; and
 -N(R_{631})₂;

each R_{531} is independently selected from the group consisting of:

hydrogen;
 C_{1-6} alkyl;
 C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; and
 benzyl; or

when Y is $-N(R_{531})C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_{531})-$, $-N(R_{531})C(O)N(R_{531})-$, $-N(R_{531})S(O)_2-$, $-S(O)_2N(R_{531})-$, $-N(R_{531})C(O)O-$, or $-OC(O)N(R_{531})-$ and the nitrogen of the $N(R_{531})$ group is bonded to Z, then R_{531} can join with Z to form a ring having the structure



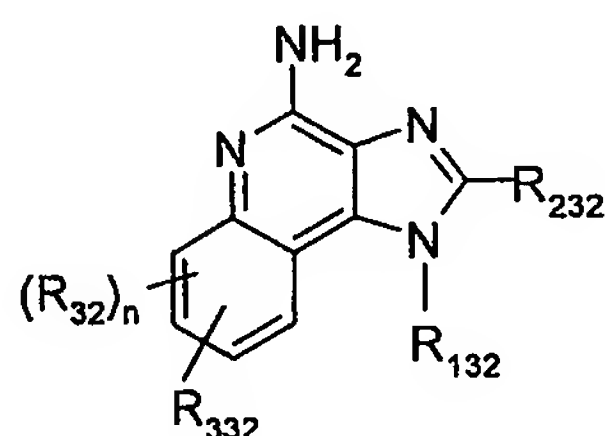
each R_{631} is independently hydrogen or C_{1-10} alkyl;

R_{731} is C_{3-8} alkylene; and

X is -O- or -S-;

with the proviso that if W is -C(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -OC(O)O-, or -N(R₅₃₁)C(O)N(R₅₃₁)- then each Y is a bond; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-position aryl or heteroaryl substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines of the following Formula (XXXII):



XXXII

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wherein:

R₃₂ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, and trifluoromethyl;

n is 0 or 1;

R₁₃₂ and R₂₃₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and non-interfering substituents;

R₃₃₂ is selected from the group consisting of:

-Z-Ar,

-Z-Ar'-Y-R₄₃₂,

-Z-Ar'-X-Y-R₄₃₂,

-Z-Ar'-R₅₃₂, and

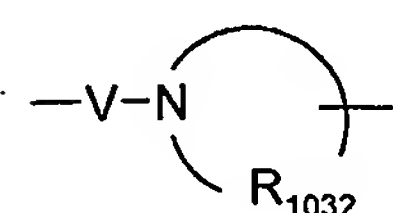
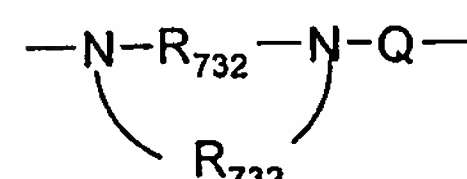
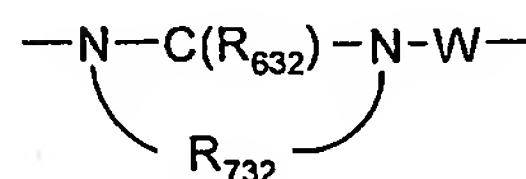
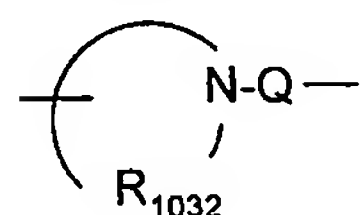
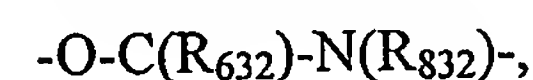
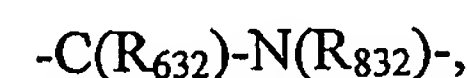
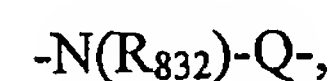
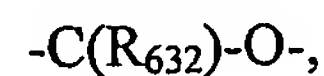
-Z-Ar'-X-R₅₃₂;

Ar is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl both of which can be unsubstituted or can be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, methylenedioxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, cyano, carboxy, formyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, amino, alkylamino, and dialkylamino;

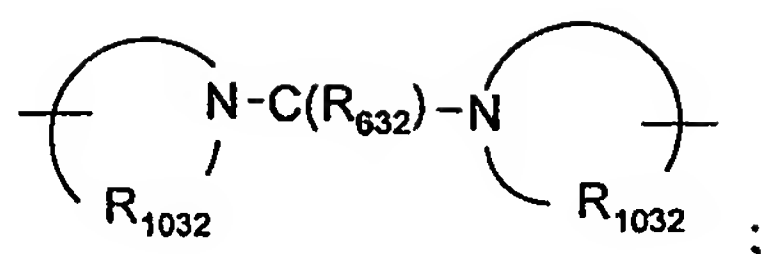
Ar' is selected from the group consisting of arylene and heteroarylene both of which can be unsubstituted or can be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, cyano, carboxy, formyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, amino, alkylamino, and dialkylamino;

X is selected from the group consisting of alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, arylene, heteroarylene, and heterocyclylene wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene groups can be optionally interrupted or terminated with arylene, heteroarylene, or heterocyclylene, and optionally interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

Y is selected from the group consisting of:



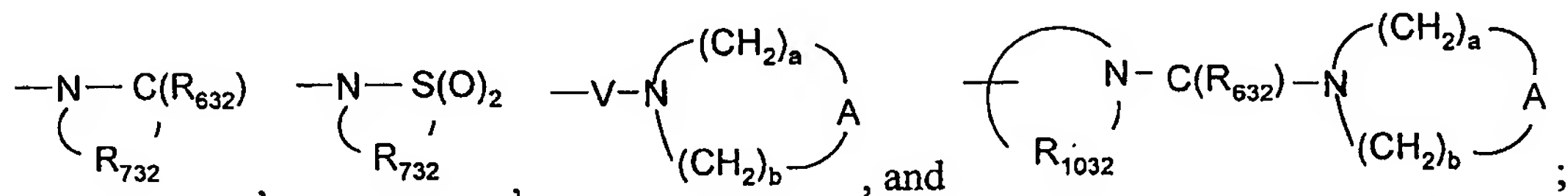
, and



Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene;

R₄₃₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl groups can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, (dialkylamino)alkyleneoxy, and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;

R₅₃₂ is selected from the group consisting of:



each R₆₃₂ is independently selected from the group consisting of =O and =S;

each R₇₃₂ is independently C₂₋₇ alkylene;

each R₈₃₂ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkylenyl, and arylalkylenyl;

R₉₃₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

each R₁₀₃₂ is independently C₃₋₈ alkylene;

A is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₀₋₂-, -CH₂-, and -N(R₄₃₂)-;

Q is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(R₆₃₂)-, -C(R₆₃₂)-C(R₆₃₂)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(R₆₃₂)-N(R₈₃₂)-W-, -S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₂)-, -C(R₆₃₂)-O-, and -C(R₆₃₂)-N(OR₉₃₂)-;

V is selected from the group consisting of -C(R₆₃₂)-, -O-C(R₆₃₂)-,

-N(R₈₃₂)-C(R₆₃₂)-, and -S(O)₂-;

W is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(O)-, and -S(O)₂-; and

a and b are independently integers from 1 to 6 with the proviso that a + b is ≤ 7;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5 Illustrative non-interfering R₁₃₂ substituents include:

-R₄₃₂,

-X-R₄₃₂,

-X-Y-R₄₃₂,

-X-Y-X-Y-R₄₃₂, and

10 -X-R₅₃₂;

wherein:

each X is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, arylene, heteroarylene, and heterocyclylene wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene groups can be optionally interrupted or terminated with
15 arylene, heteroarylene, or heterocyclylene, and optionally interrupted by one or more -O-groups;

each Y is independently selected from the group consisting of:

-S(O)₀₋₂-,

-S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₂)-,

20 -C(R₆₃₂)-,

-C(R₆₃₂)-O-,

-O-C(R₆₃₂)-,

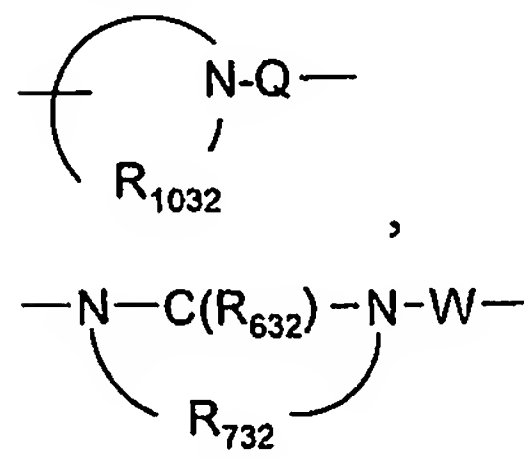
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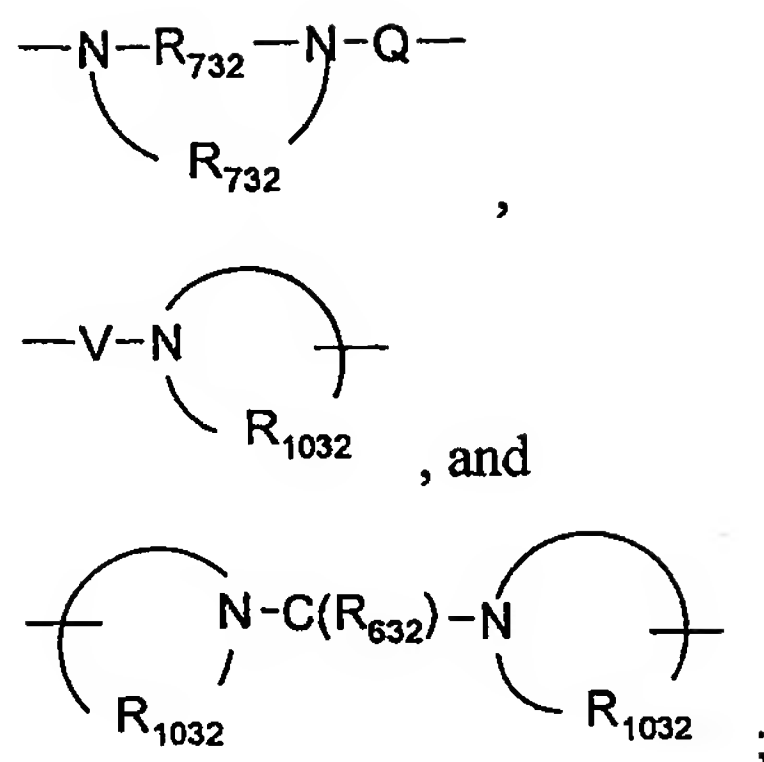
-N(R₈₃₂)-Q-,

25 -C(R₆₃₂)-N(R₈₃₂)-,

-O-C(R₆₃₂)-N(R₈₃₂)-,

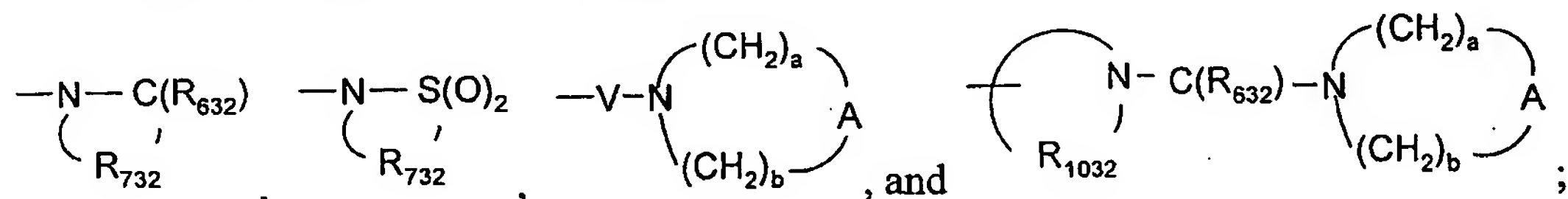
-C(R₆₃₂)-N(OR₉₃₂)-,





R_{432} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,
 5 aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl,
 heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl wherein the alkyl, alkenyl,
 alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl,
 heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl groups
 can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected
 10 from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen,
 nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy,
 heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino,
 (dialkylamino)alkyleneoxy, and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and heterocyclyl,
 oxo;

15 R_{532} is selected from the group consisting of:



each R_{632} is independently selected from the group consisting of =O and =S;

each R_{732} is independently C_{2-7} alkylene;

each R_{832} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl,
 20 alkoxyalkylenyl, and arylalkylenyl;

each R_{932} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and
 alkyl;

each R_{1032} is independently C_{3-8} alkylene;

A is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₀₋₂-, -CH₂-, and -
 25 N(R_{432})-;

each Q is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond,
 $-C(R_{632})-$, $-C(R_{632})-C(R_{632})-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-C(R_{632})-N(R_{832})-W-$, $-S(O)_2-N(R_{832})-$,
 $-C(R_{632})-O-$, and $-C(R_{632})-N(OR_{932})-$;

each V is independently selected from the group consisting of $-C(R_{632})-$,
 5 $-O-C(R_{632})-$, $-N(R_{832})-C(R_{632})-$, and $-S(O)_2-$;

each W is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond,
 $-C(O)-$, and $-S(O)_2-$; and

a and b are independently integers from 1 to 6 with the proviso that $a + b \leq 7$;

Illustrative non-interfering R_{232} substituents include:

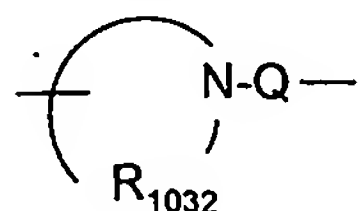
10 $-R_{432}$,
 $-X-R_{432}$,
 $-X-Y-R_{432}$, and
 $-X-R_{532}$;

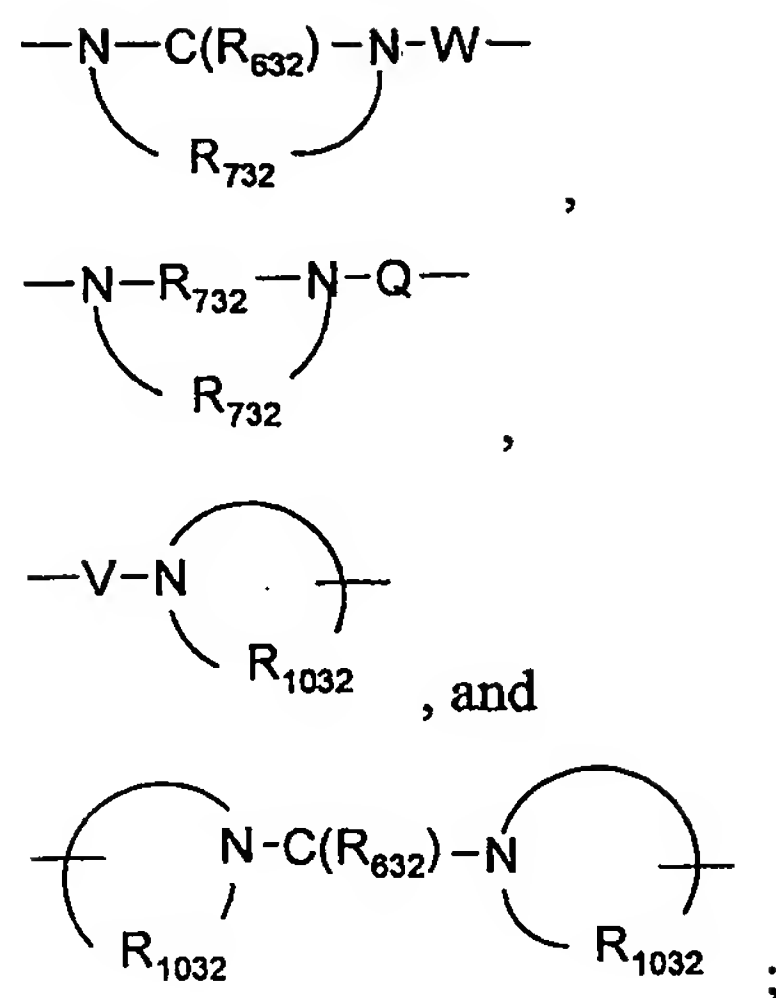
wherein:

15 X is selected from the group consisting of alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene,
 arylene, heteroarylene, and heterocyclylene wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, and
 alkynylene groups can be optionally interrupted or terminated with arylene, heteroarylene,
 or heterocyclylene, and optionally interrupted by one or more $-O-$ groups;

Y is selected from the group consisting of:

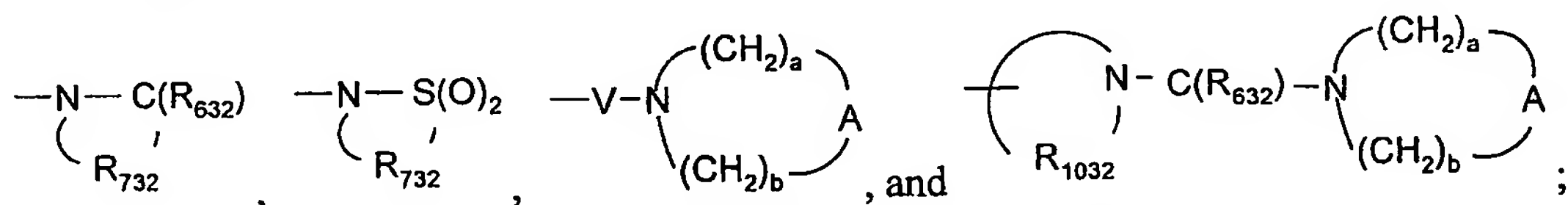
20 $-S(O)_{0-2}-$,
 $-S(O)_2-N(R_{832})-$,
 $-C(R_{632})-$,
 $-C(R_{632})-O-$,
 $-O-C(R_{632})-$,
 25 $-O-C(O)-O-$,
 $-N(R_{832})-Q-$,
 $-C(R_{632})-N(R_{832})-$,
 $-O-C(R_{632})-N(R_{832})-$,
 $-C(R_{632})-N(OR_{932})-$,





- 5 R_{432} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl groups
- 10 can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, (dialkylamino)alkyleneoxy, and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and heterocyclyl,
- 15 OXO;

R_{532} is selected from the group consisting of:



each R_{632} is independently selected from the group consisting of =O and =S;

each R_{732} is independently C_{2-7} alkylene;

- 20 each R_{832} is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkylenyl, and arylalkylenyl;

R_{932} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

each R_{1032} is independently C_{3-8} alkylene;

A is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₀₋₂-, -CH₂-, and -N(R₄₃₂)-;

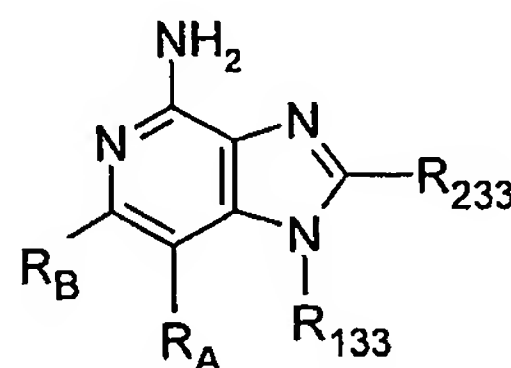
Q is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(R₆₃₂)-, -C(R₆₃₂)-C(R₆₃₂)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(R₆₃₂)-N(R₈₃₂)-W-, -S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₂)-, -C(R₆₃₂)-O-, and -C(R₆₃₂)-N(OR₉₃₂)-;

V is selected from the group consisting of -C(R₆₃₂)-, -O-C(R₆₃₂)-, -N(R₈₃₂)-C(R₆₃₂)-, and -S(O)₂-;

W is selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(O)-, and -S(O)₂-; and

a and b are independently integers from 1 to 6 with the proviso that a + b is ≤ 7;

In some embodiments the IRM can be chosen from amide substituted 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines, tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amines, 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]pyridin-4-amines, 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]naphthyridin-4-amines, or tetrahydro-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]naphthyridin-4-amines of the following Formula XXXIII.

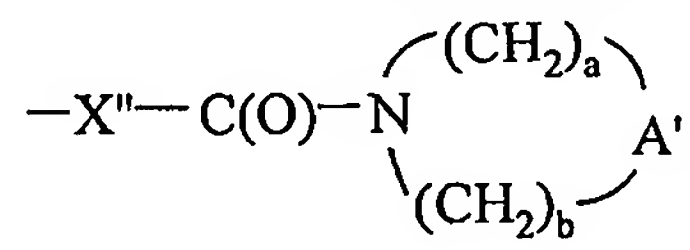


XXXIII

wherein:

R₁₃₃ is selected from the group consisting of:

-X'-C(O)-N(R_{133'})(R_{133''}) and



X' is selected from the group consisting of -CH(R₉₃₃)-, -CH(R₉₃₃)-alkylene-, and -CH(R₉₃₃)-alkenylene-;

X'' is selected from the group consisting of -CH(R₉₃₃)-, -CH(R₉₃₃)-alkylene-, and -CH(R₉₃₃)-alkenylene-; wherein the alkylene and alkenylene are optionally interrupted with one or more -O- groups;

R_{133}' and R_{133}'' are independently selected from the group consisting of:

hydrogen,
 alkyl,
 alkenyl,
 5 aryl,
 arylalkylenyl,
 heteroaryl,
 heteroarylalkylenyl,
 heterocyclyl,
 10 heterocyclylalkylenyl, and
 alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl,
 heterocyclyl, or heterocyclylalkylenyl, substituted by one or more substituents
 selected from the group consisting of:

hydroxy,
 15 alkyl,
 haloalkyl,
 hydroxyalkyl,
 alkoxy,
 haloalkoxy,
 20 halogen,
 cyano,
 nitro,
 amino,
 alkylamino,
 25 dialkylamino,
 arylsulfonyl, and
 alkylsulfonyl;

A' is selected from the group consisting of $-O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-CH_2-$, $-S(O)_{0-2}-$, and
 30 $-N(Q-R_{433})-$;

a and b are independently integers from 1 to 6 with the proviso that $a + b$ is ≤ 7 ;

R_A and R_B are independently selected from the group consisting of:

hydrogen,

halogen,
alkyl,
alkenyl,
alkoxy,
alkylthio, and
-N(R₉₃₃)₂;

or R_A and R_B taken together form either a fused aryl ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_a groups, or a fused 5 to 7 membered saturated ring that is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_c groups;

or R_A and R_B taken together form a fused heteroaryl or 5 to 7 membered saturated ring containing one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of N and S, wherein the heteroaryl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_b groups, and the 5 to 7 membered saturated ring is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_c groups;

each R_a is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, and -N(R₉₃₃)₂;

each R_b is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, and -N(R₉₃₃)₂;

each R_c is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, and -N(R₉₃₃)₂;

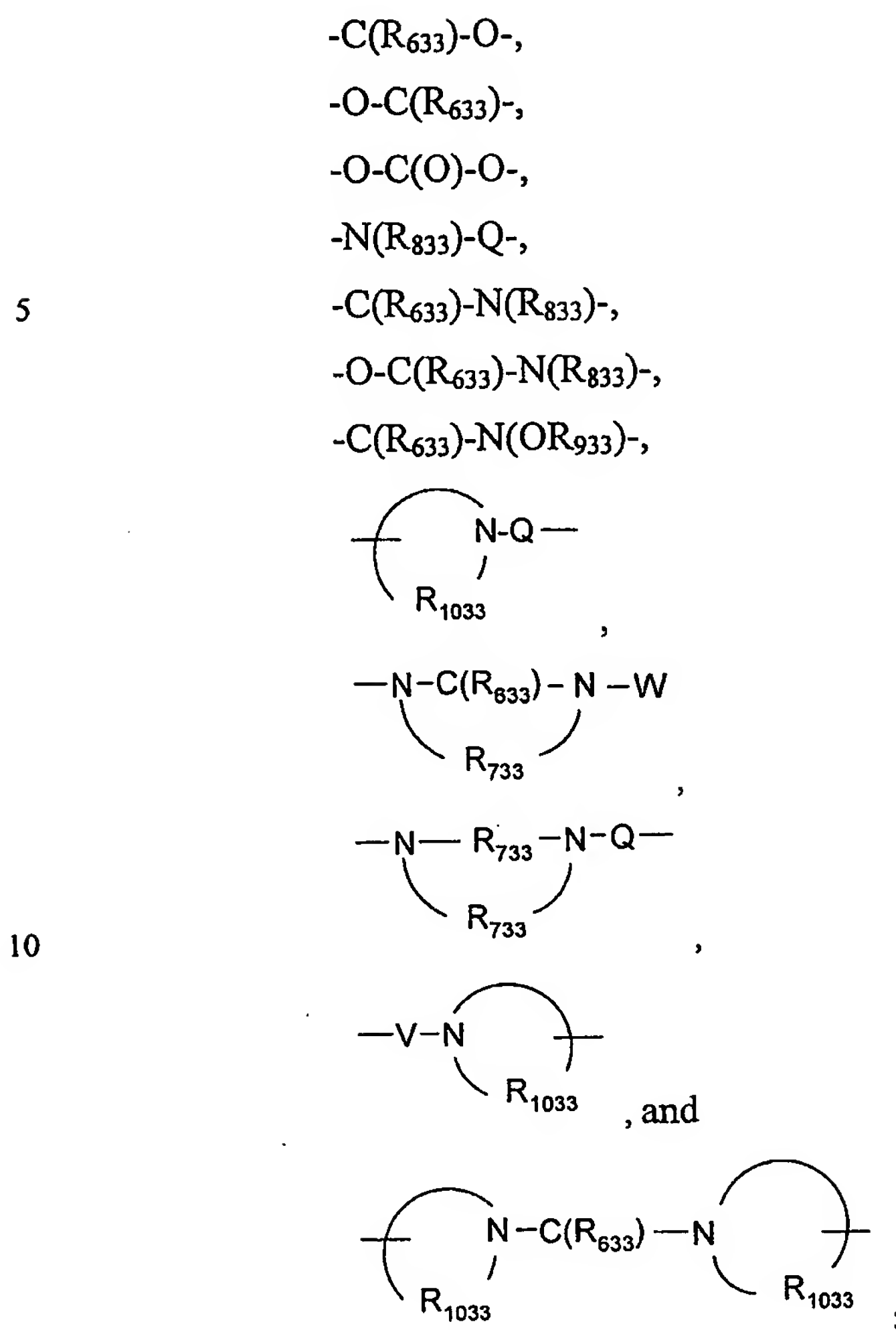
R₂₃₃ is selected from the group consisting of:

-R₄₃₃,
-X-R₄₃₃,
-X-Y-R₄₃₃, and
-X-R₅₃₃;

X is selected from the group consisting of alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, arylene, heteroarylene, and heterocyclylene wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene groups are optionally interrupted or terminated by arylene, heteroarylene or heterocyclylene and optionally interrupted by one or more -O- groups;

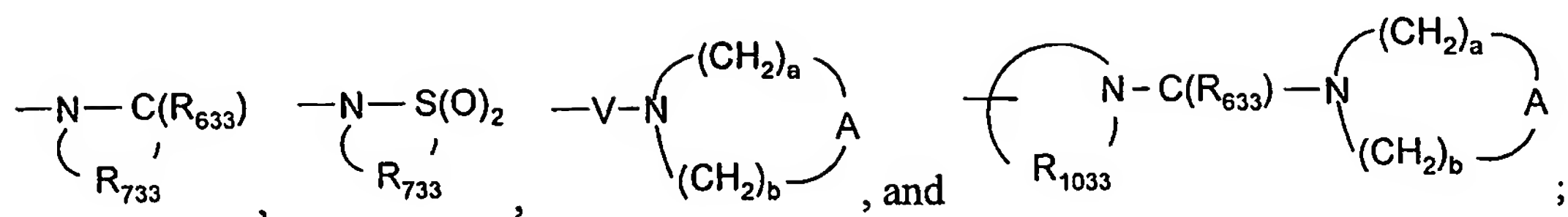
Y is selected from the group consisting of:

-S(O)₀₋₂-,
-S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₃)-,
-C(R₆₃₃)-,



each R₄₃₃ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl
 15 wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl groups are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, aryl, aryloxy,
 20 arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, (dialkylamino)alkyleneoxy, and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;

R₅₃₃ is selected from the group consisting of:



each R₆₃₃ is independently selected from the group consisting of =O and =S;

each R₇₃₃ is independently C₂₋₇ alkylene;

each R₈₃₃ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl,
5 alkoxyalkylenyl, and arylalkylenyl;

each R₉₃₃ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

each R₁₀₃₃ is independently C₃₋₈ alkylene;

A is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₀₋₂-, -CH₂-, and -

10 N(R₄₃₃)-;

each Q is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond,

-C(R₆₃₃)-, -C(R₆₃₃)-C(R₆₃₃)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(R₆₃₃)-N(R₈₃₃)-W-, -S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₃)-, -C(R₆₃₃)-O-, and -C(R₆₃₃)-N(OR₉₃₃)-;

V is selected from the group consisting of -C(R₆₃₃)-, -O-C(R₆₃₃)-,

15 -N(R₈₃₃)-C(R₆₃₃)-, and -S(O)₂-; and

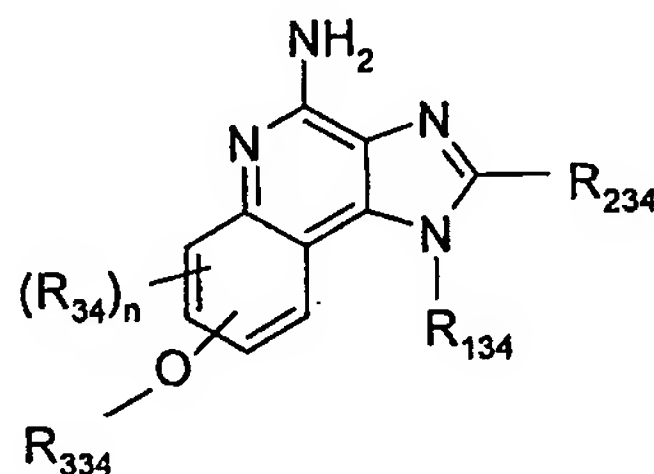
each W is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(O)-, and -S(O)₂-;

with the proviso that when R_A and R_B form a fused heteroaryl or 5 to 7 membered saturated ring containing one heteroatom selected from the group consisting of N and S, wherein the heteroaryl ring is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_b groups, and the 5 to 7 membered saturated ring is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more R_c groups, then R_{133} can also be

$$-X''-C(O)-N(R_{133}')(R_{133}'');$$

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

In another embodiment, the IRM compound can be chosen from aryloxy or arylalkyleneoxy substituted 1*H*-imidaz[4,5-*c*]quinoline-4-amines of the following Formula XXXIV:



XXXIV

wherein:

R_{334} is selected from the group consisting of:

- Z-Ar,
- Z-Ar'-Y- R_{434} ,
- Z-Ar'-X-Y- R_{434} ,
- Z-Ar'- R_{534} , and
- Z-Ar'-X- R_{534} ;

Z is selected from the group consisting of a bond, alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene wherein alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene are optionally interrupted with -O-;

Ar is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl both of which can be unsubstituted or can be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, methylenedioxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, cyano, carboxy, formyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkylenyl, amino, alkylamino, and dialkylamino;

Ar' is selected from the group consisting of arylene and heteroarylene both of which can be unsubstituted or can be substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, mercapto, cyano, carboxy, formyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkylenyl, amino, alkylamino, and dialkylamino;

R_{34} is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, and trifluoromethyl;

n is 0 or 1;

R_{134} is selected from the group consisting of:

- 5 $-R_{434}$,
 $-X-R_{434}$,
 $-X-Y-R_{434}$,
 $-X-Y-X-Y-R_{434}$, and
 $-X-R_{534}$;

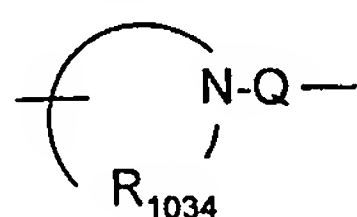
10 R_{234} is selected from the group consisting of:

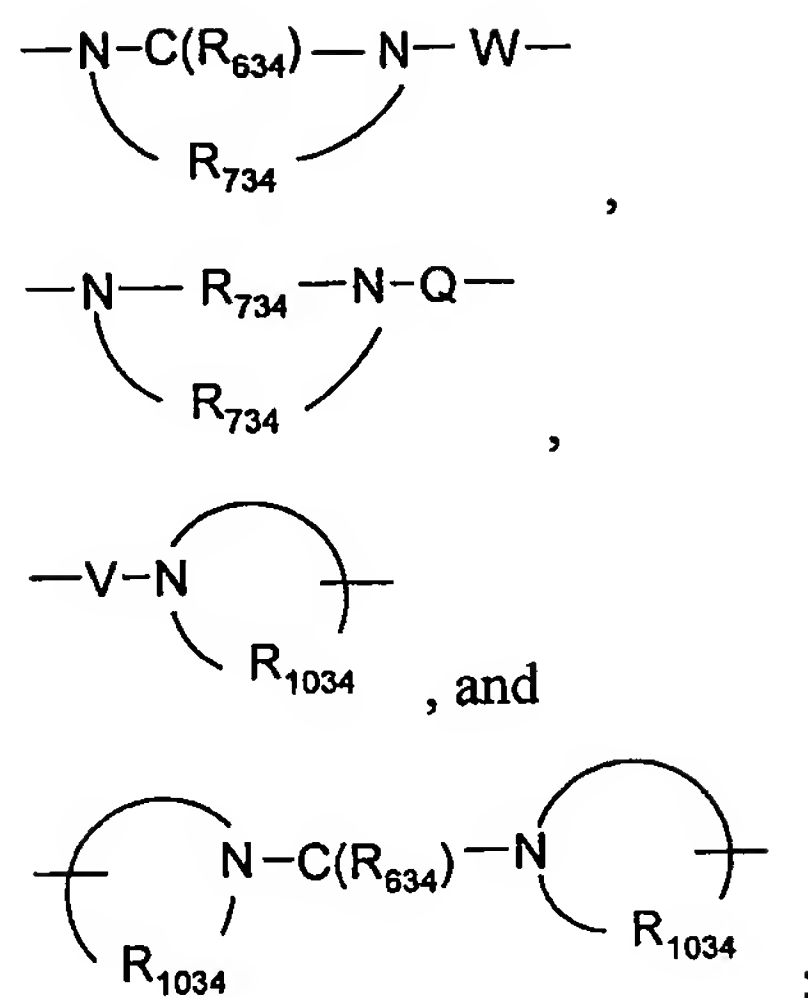
- $-R_{434}$,
 $-X-R_{434}$,
 $-X-Y-R_{434}$, and
 $-X-R_{534}$;

15 each X is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, arylene, heteroarylene, and heterocyclylene wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene groups can be optionally interrupted by arylene, heteroarylene or heterocyclylene or by one or more $-O-$ groups;

 each Y is independently selected from the group consisting of:

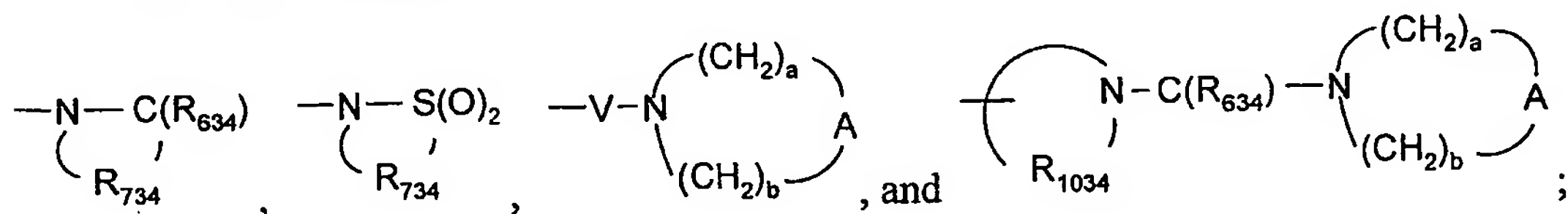
- 20 $-S(O)_{0-2}-$,
 $-S(O)_2-N(R_{834})-$,
 $-C(R_{634})-$,
 $-C(R_{634})-O-$,
 $-O-C(R_{634})-$,
 $-O-C(O)-O-$,
 25 $-N(R_{834})-Q-$,
 $-C(R_{634})-N(R_{834})-$,
 $-O-C(R_{634})-N(R_{834})-$,
 $-C(R_{634})-N(OR_{934})-$,





- 5 each R₄₃₄ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and heterocyclyl wherein the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkylenyl, aryloxyalkylenyl, alkylarylenyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkylenyl, heteroaryloxyalkylenyl, alkylheteroarylenyl, and
- 10 heterocyclyl groups can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, aryl, aryloxy, arylalkyleneoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkyleneoxy, heterocyclyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, (dialkylamino)alkyleneoxy, and in the case of alkyl, alkenyl,
- 15 alkynyl, and heterocyclyl, oxo;

each R₅₃₄ is independently selected from the group consisting of:



each R₆₃₄ is independently selected from the group consisting of =O and =S;

each R₇₃₄ is independently C₂₋₇ alkylene;

- 20 each R₈₃₄ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxyalkylenyl, and arylalkylenyl;

each R₉₃₄ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl;

each R₁₀₃₄ is independently C₃₋₈ alkylene;

each A is independently selected from the group consisting of -O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)₀₋₂-, -CH₂-, and -N(R₄₃₄)-

each Q is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(R₆₃₄)-, -C(R₆₃₄)-C(R₆₃₄)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(R₆₃₄)-N(R₈₃₄)-W-, -S(O)₂-N(R₈₃₄)-, -C(R₆₃₄)-O-, and -C(R₆₃₄)-N(OR₉₃₄)-

each V is independently selected from the group consisting of -C(R₆₃₄)-, -O-C(R₆₃₄)-, -N(R₈₃₄)-C(R₆₃₄)-, and -S(O)₂-;

each W is independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, -C(O)-, and -S(O)₂-; and

a and b are independently integers from 1 to 6 with the proviso that a + b is ≤ 7; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Herein, "non-interfering" means that the ability of the compound or salt to modulate (e.g., induce or inhibit) the biosynthesis of one or more cytokines is not destroyed by the non-interfering substituent.

As used herein, the terms "alkyl", "alkenyl", "alkynyl" and the prefix "alk-" are inclusive of both straight chain and branched chain groups and of cyclic groups, i.e. cycloalkyl and cycloalkenyl. Unless otherwise specified, these groups contain from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, with alkenyl and alkynyl groups containing from 2 to 20 carbon atoms. In some embodiments, these groups have a total of up to 10 carbon atoms, up to 8 carbon atoms, up to 6 carbon atoms, or up to 4 carbon atoms. Cyclic groups can be monocyclic or polycyclic and preferably have from 3 to 10 ring carbon atoms. Exemplary cyclic groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, adamantyl, and substituted and unsubstituted bornyl, norbornyl, and norbornenyl.

Unless otherwise specified, "alkylene", "alkenylene", and "alkynylene" are the divalent forms of the "alkyl", "alkenyl", and "alkynyl" groups defined above. Likewise, "alkylenyl", "alkenylenyl", and "alkynylenyl" are the divalent forms of the "alkyl", "alkenyl", and "alkynyl" groups defined above. For example, an arylalkylenyl group comprises an alkylene moiety to which an aryl group is attached.

The term "haloalkyl" is inclusive of groups that are substituted by one or more halogen atoms, including perfluorinated groups. This is also true of other groups that include the prefix "halo-". Examples of suitable haloalkyl groups are chloromethyl,

trifluoromethyl, and the like. Similarly, the term "fluoroalkyl" is inclusive of groups that are substituted by one or more fluorine atoms, including perfluorinated groups (e.g., trifluoromethyl).

The term "aryl" as used herein includes carbocyclic aromatic rings or ring systems. Examples of aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, fluorenyl and indenyl.

The term "heteroatom" refers to the atoms O, S, or N.

The term "heteroaryl" includes aromatic rings or ring systems that contain at least one ring heteroatom (e.g., O, S, N). Suitable heteroaryl groups include furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, triazolyl, pyrrolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, carbazolyl, benzoxazolyl, pyrimidinyl, benzimidazolyl, quinoxalinyl, benzothiazolyl, naphthyridinyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, purinyl, quinazolinyl, pyrazinyl, 1-oxidopyridyl, pyridazinyl, triazinyl, tetrazinyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, and so on.

The term "heterocyclyl" includes non-aromatic rings or ring systems that contain at least one ring heteroatom (e.g., O, S, N) and includes all of the fully saturated and partially unsaturated derivatives of the above mentioned heteroaryl groups. Exemplary heterocyclic groups include pyrrolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, thiazolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, isothiazolidinyl, tetrahydropyranyl, quinuclidinyl, homopiperidinyl, homopiperazinyl, and the like.

The terms "arylene," "heteroarylene," and "heterocyclylene" are the divalent forms of the "aryl," "heteroaryl," and "heterocyclyl" groups defined above. Likewise, "arylenyl," "heteroarylenyl," and "heterocyclenyl" are the divalent forms of the "aryl," "heteroaryl," and "heterocyclyl" groups defined above. For example, an alkylarylenyl group comprises an arylene moiety to which an alkyl group is attached.

Unless otherwise specified, the aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclyl groups of Formulas IX - XXXIV can be unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, alkylthio, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, haloalkylthio, halogen, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, cyano, carboxy, formyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, arylalkoxy, arylalkylthio, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylthio, heteroarylalkoxy, heteroarylalkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, heterocyclyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkenylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkylcarbonyl, haloalkoxycarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl,

heteroarylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, heteroaryloxy carbonyl, arylthiocarbonyl, heteroarylthiocarbonyl, alkanoyloxy, alkanoylthio, alkanoylamino, aroyloxy, aroylthio, aroylamino, alkylaminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, aryldiazinyl, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, arylalkylsulfonylamino, alkylcarbonylamino, alkenylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, arylalkylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, heteroarylalkylcarbonylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, arylalkylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, heteroarylalkylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, arylalkylaminocarbonyl, alkenylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylalkylaminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, arylalkylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylalkylaminocarbonylamino and, in the case of heterocyclyl, oxo. If any other groups are identified as being "substituted" or "optionally substituted", then those groups can also be substituted by one or more of the above enumerated substituents.

When a group (or substituent or variable) is present more than once in any Formula described herein, each group (or substituent or variable) is independently selected, whether explicitly stated or not. For example, for the formula $-N(R_{631})_2$ each R_{631} group is independently selected. In another example, when an R_{232} and an R_{332} group both contain an R_{432} group, each R_{432} group is independently selected. In a further example, when more than one Y group is present (i.e. R_{232} and R_{332} both contain a Y group) and each Y group contains one or more R_{832} groups, then each Y group is independently selected, and each R_{832} group is independently selected.

In certain embodiments, the immune response modifier is selected from the group consisting of imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, imidazopyridine amines, 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines, 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amines, imidazonaphthyridine amines, imidazotetrahydronaphthyridine amines, oxazoloquinoline amines, thiazoloquinoline amines, oxazolopyridine amines, thiazolopyridine amines, oxazolonaphthyridine amines, thiazolonaphthyridine amines, pyrazolopyridine amines, pyrazoloquinoline amines, tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines, pyrazolonaphthyridine amines, tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines, 1*H*-imidazo

dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines, and combinations thereof.

In certain embodiments, the immune response modifier is selected from the group consisting of imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, imidazopyridine amines, and combinations thereof.

In certain embodiments, the immune response modifier is selected from the group consisting of amide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy or arylalkyleneoxy substituted imidazoquinoline amines, amide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, amide substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine amines, aryl ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, amido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine ethers, thioether substituted imidazopyridine amines, and combinations thereof.

In certain embodiments, the immune response modifier is selected from the group consisting of amide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline amines, and combinations thereof.

Cosolvents

Aqueous gel formulations of the invention include a water-miscible cosolvent. The water-miscible cosolvent assists in dissolving the immune response modifier in salt form. The cosolvent can be a single component or a combination. Examples of suitable

cosolvents include monopropylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, hexylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol (of various molecular weights, e.g., 300 or 400), diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, and combinations thereof. Monopropylene glycol (i.e., propylene glycol) is particularly preferred as a cosolvent.

5 In certain embodiments, the cosolvent (or combination of cosolvents) is present in an amount of at least 10 wt-%, in other embodiments in an amount of greater than 25 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 30 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain embodiments, the cosolvent (or combination of cosolvents) is present in an amount of no greater than 90 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 80 wt-%, in
10 other embodiments no greater than 70 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 60 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

 In certain embodiments, water is present in an amount of at least 10 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 15 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 20 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 25 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain
15 . embodiments, water is present in an amount of no greater than 95 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 90 wt-%, and in other embodiments no greater than 85 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

Thickeners

20 Aqueous gel formulations of the invention include a negatively charged thickener, preferably at least two negatively charged thickeners (typically of differing charge density). Preferably the thickeners are mucoadhesives. Examples of suitable negatively charged thickeners include: cellulose ethers such as carboxymethylcellulose sodium; polysaccharide gums such as xanthan gum; and acrylic acid polymers (i.e., homopolymers
25 and copolymers) made from acrylic acid crosslinked with, for example, allyl sucrose or allyl pentaerythritol such as those polymers designated as carbomers in the United States Pharmacopoeia, and acrylic acid polymers made from acrylic acid crosslinked with divinyl glycol such as those polymers designated as polycarbophils in the United States Pharmacopoeia. Combinations of such thickeners can be used if desired.

30 In some embodiments of the invention, the negatively charged thickeners include carboxylic acid and/or carboxylate groups. Examples of such agents include carboxymethylcellulose sodium, xanthan gum, and the acrylic acid polymers. Preferably,

certain embodiments of the present invention include a combination of an acrylic acid polymer (i.e., polyacrylic acid polymer) and a polysaccharide gum (e.g., xanthan gum).

Carbomers are exemplary (and preferred) acrylic acid polymers. Suitable carbomers include, for example, those commercially available under the trade designation CARBOPOL (all available from Noveon, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, USA). CARBOPOL polymers can provide a range of viscosities. For example, a 0.5 % solution of CARBOPOL 971P or CARBOPOL 941 has a viscosity of 4,000 – 11,000 cPs (pH 7.5, 25 °C, Brookfield viscometer at 20 rpm); a 0.5 % solution of CARBOPOL 934P or CARBOPOL 974P has a viscosity of 29,400 – 39,400 cPs (pH 7.5, 25 °C, Brookfield viscometer at 20 rpm); and a 0.5 % solution of CARBOPOL 940 or CARBOPOL 980 has a viscosity of 40,000 – 60,000 cPs (pH 7.5, 25 °C, Brookfield viscometer at 20 rpm). For certain embodiments, carbomers such as CARBOPOL 934P, CARBOPOL 974P, CARBOPOL 940, and CARBOPOL 980 are preferred. A particularly preferred carbomer is CARBOPOL 974P.

For certain embodiments, it is desirable to have a relatively highly crosslinked carbomer. Preferred relatively highly crosslinked carbomers include CARBOPOL 974P, CARBOPOL 940, and CARBOPOL 980. A particularly preferred relatively highly crosslinked carbomer is CARBOPOL 974P.

Suitable polycarbophils include, for example, those commercially available under the trade designation NOVEON polycarbophils (all available from Noveon, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, USA). A preferred polycarbophil is NOVEON AA-1 USP Polycarbophil.

Various grades of carboxymethylcellulose sodium are commercially available that have differing aqueous viscosities. Aqueous 1% weight by volume (w/v) solutions with viscosities of 5-13,000 cps may be obtained. Examples include carboxymethylcellulose sodium, high viscosity, USP (CA194); carboxymethylcellulose sodium, medium viscosity, USP (CA192); and carboxymethylcellulose sodium, low viscosity, USP (CA193); all of which are available from Spectrum Chemicals and Laboratory Products, Inc., Gardena, CA, USA; and AKUCCELL AF 3085 (high viscosity), AKUCCELL AF 2785 (medium viscosity), and AKUCCELL AF 0305 (low viscosity), all of which are available from Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals, Amersfoort, The Netherlands.

In certain embodiments, the thickener system includes a non-ionic thickener. Examples of suitable non-ionic thickeners include hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, and hydroxypropyl cellulose. If included, the weight ratio of non-ionic thickener to negatively charged thickener (total weight of all negatively charged thickeners if more than one negatively charged thickener is included) is within the range of 1:4 to 1:10. In certain embodiments, the weight ratio is within the range of 1:4 to 1:7.

Hydroxypropyl cellulose is commercially available in a number of different grades that have various solution viscosities. Examples include KLUCEL HF and KLUCEL MF, both of which are available from the Aqualon Division of Hercules Incorporated, Wilmington, Delaware, USA.

In certain embodiments, the thickener system includes a polysaccharide gum and an acrylic acid polymer. Preferably, the weight ratio of polysaccharide gum to acrylic acid polymer is within a range of 1:20 to 20:1. In certain embodiments, the weight ratio is within a range of 1:10 to 10:1, in other embodiments the weight ratio is within a range of 1:5 to 5:1, in other embodiments the weight ratio is within a range of 1:3 to 3:1, and in other embodiments the weight ratio is within a range of 1:2 to 2:1. A particularly preferred ratio is 1:2.

The thickener system is present in formulations of the invention in an amount sufficient to bring the viscosity to a level of at least than 1000 Centipoise (cps), preferably at least 5,000 cps, more preferably at least 8000 cps, and most preferably at least 10,000 cps. The viscosity is determined at 20 ± 0.5 °C using a Haake RS series rheometer equipped with a 35 mm 2° cone using a controlled rate step test between 1 and 80 s^{-1} with an interpolation at 16 s^{-1} for viscosity versus shear rate.

In certain embodiments, the amount or concentration of the thickener system is at least 0.1 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 0.5 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 1.0 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 1.5 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain embodiments, the amount of the thickener system is no greater than 7 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 6 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 5 wt-%, and in other embodiments no greater than 4 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

pH Adjusting Agents and Buffers

Aqueous gel formulations of the invention can additionally include a pharmaceutically acceptable pH adjusting agent to adjust the pH of the formulation to the desired range. Generally, the pH is at least 2, and preferably at least 3. Generally, the pH is no greater than 6, preferably no greater than 5, and more preferably no greater than 4.

5 The pH adjusting agent may be any pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base. Examples of suitable pH adjusting agents include hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, tromethamine, and potassium hydroxide. Combinations of such agents can be used if desired.

Aqueous gel formulations of the invention can additionally include a

10 pharmaceutically acceptable buffer to maintain the pH of the formulations in the desired range (preferably, 2 to 6, and more preferably, 3 to 4). The buffer may be any pharmaceutically acceptable buffer that provides one or more of the desired pH ranges. Examples of suitable buffers include buffers containing lactic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, and succinic acid. Combinations of buffers can be used if desired. The buffers can

15 also function as tonicity adjusting agents.

Preservatives

Aqueous gel formulations of the invention can additionally include a preservative. The preservative includes one or more compounds that inhibit microbial growth (e.g.,

20 fungal and bacterial growth) within the composition. Suitable preservatives are water soluble and include quaternary ammonium compounds (e.g., benzalkonium chloride), benzethonium chloride, parabens (e.g., methylparaben, propylparaben), boric acid, isothiazolinone, organic acids (e.g., sorbic acid), alcohols (e.g., phenyl ethyl alcohol, cresol, chlorobutanol, benzyl alcohol), carbamates, chlorhexidine, and combinations

25 thereof. Preferably, the preservative is methylparaben, propylparaben, or combinations thereof. Certain water-miscible cosolvents, such as glycerin or propylene glycol, also have antimicrobial properties.

In certain embodiments, the preservative (or combination of preservatives) is present in an amount of at least 0.005 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 0.01 wt-%, in

30 other embodiments at least 0.015 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 0.02 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain embodiments, the preservative (or combination of preservatives) is present in an amount of no greater than 1.0 wt-%, in other

embodiments at most 0.75 wt-%, in other embodiments at most 0.5 wt-%, and in other embodiments no greater than 0.4 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

Chelating agents

5 Aqueous gel formulations of the invention can additionally include a chelating agent. Chelating agents are compounds that complex metal ions. Examples of suitable chelating agents include ethylenediaminetetracetic acid (EDTA) and derivatives thereof such as the disodium salt, ethylenediaminetetracetic acid disodium salt dehydrate, and combinations thereof. Preferably, the chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetracetic acid
10 disodium salt dihydrate (edetate disodium).

 In certain embodiments, the chelating agent (or combination of chelating agents) is present in an amount of at least 0.001 wt-%, in other embodiments at least 0.01 wt-%, and in other embodiments at least 0.02 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel. In certain embodiments, the chelating agent (or combination of chelating agents) is present in
15 an amount of no greater than 2.0 wt-%, in other embodiments no greater than 1.5 wt-%, and in other embodiments no greater than 1.0 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

Applications

20 Aqueous gel formulations of the present invention can be used to treat or prevent conditions associated with mucosal tissue. In some embodiments, the invention provides methods that are particularly advantageous for the topical application to the cervix for treatment of cervical conditions such as cervical dysplasias including dysplasia associated with human papillomavirus (HPV), low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, high-grade
25 squamous intraepithelial lesions, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (typically, with the presence of high-risk HPV), and cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN).

 The present invention also provides methods of treating a mucosal associated condition. Alternatively stated, the present invention provides methods of treating a
30 condition associated with mucosal tissue.

In the methods of the present invention, the aqueous gels of the present invention may be applied once a week or several times a week. For example, the aqueous gel may be applied twice a week, three times a week, five times a week, or even daily.

In the methods of the present invention, the applications of the aqueous gels of the present invention may extend for a total time period of at least one week, at least two weeks, at least three weeks, at least one month, at least two months, at least three months, or more, depending on the desired treatment regimen.

The actual dosing (treatment) regimen used for a given condition or subject may depend at least in part on many factors known in the art, including, but not limited to, the physical and chemical nature of the IRM compound, the nature of the delivery material, the amount of the IRM compound being administered, the state of the subject's immune system (e.g., suppressed, compromised, stimulated), the method of administering the IRM compound, and the species to which the IRM compound is being administered.

The methods of the present invention may be applicable for any suitable subject. Suitable subjects include, but are not limited to, animals such as, but not limited to, humans, non-human primates, rodents, dogs, cats, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, cows, or birds.

The methods of the present invention are suitable for a variety of medical objectives, including therapeutic, prophylactic (e.g., as a vaccine adjuvant), or diagnostic. As used herein, "treating" a condition or a subject includes therapeutic, prophylactic, and diagnostic treatments.

The term "an effective amount" (e.g., therapeutically or prophylactically) means an amount of the compound sufficient to induce a desired (e.g., therapeutic or prophylactic) effect, such as cytokine induction, inhibition of TH2 immune response, antiviral or antitumor activity, reduction or elimination of neoplastic cells. The amount of the IRM compound that will be therapeutically effective in a specific situation will depend on such things as the activity of the particular compound, the dosing regimen, the application site, the particular formulation and the condition being treated. As such, it is generally not practical to identify specific administration amounts herein; however, those skilled in the art will be able to determine appropriate therapeutically effective amounts based on the guidance provided herein and information available in the art pertaining to these compounds.

The aqueous gels of the present invention may be used for the application of an IRM compound to the affected area of a subject for treating a dermal and/or mucosal condition. Examples of such conditions include herpes, keloids, warts, molluscum, or combinations thereof. It will be understood by one of skill in the art that such conditions
5 (e.g., warts) can be on both mucosal and dermal tissue.

The aqueous gels of the present invention may be used for the application of an IRM compound to mucosal tissue for the treatment of a mucosal associated condition.

As used herein, a "mucosal associated condition" means an inflammatory, infectious, neoplastic, or other condition that involves mucosal tissue or that is in
10 sufficient proximity to a mucosal tissue to be affected by a therapeutic agent topically applied to the mucosal tissue. Examples of such conditions include a papilloma virus infection of the cervix, cervical dysplasias including dysplasia associated with human papillomavirus (HPV), low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (typically,
15 with the presence of high risk HPV), and cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, an atopic allergic response, allergic rhinitis, a neoplastic lesion, and a premalignant lesion.

As used herein, "mucosal tissue" includes mucosal membranes such as buccal, gingival, nasal, ocular, tracheal, bronchial, gastrointestinal, rectal, urethral, ureteral, vaginal, cervical, and uterine mucosal membranes. For example, one could treat oral
20 lesions, vaginal lesions, or anal lesions by the methods described. One could also use the methods in combination with mucosal application of vaccines.

In one embodiment, the IRM compound can be applied to vaginal or supravaginal mucosal tissue for the treatment of a cervical dysplasia. In other embodiments, an IRM can be applied to the mucosal tissue of the rectum for the treatment of, e.g., anal canal
25 condyloma.

Cervical dysplasias to be treated by the methods of the present invention preferably include dysplastic conditions such as low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (typically, with the presence of high-risk HPV), and cervical intraepithelial
30 neoplasia (CIN).

Approximately 16,000 new cases of invasive cancer of the cervix are diagnosed each year in the U.S. despite extensive screening of women to detect predictive cellular

changes. There are also about 3,000 deaths due to cervical cancer in the U.S. alone and this is usually secondary to not detecting the primary cancerous lesion in a timely manner.

The Papanicolaou Test (Pap smear) is the screening test that has been accepted since the 1950s as the method to detect abnormal cells of the cervix, including
5 inflammation and dysplasia, which includes cervical cancer. This screening test has been widely adopted in industrialized countries and has had a profound impact on mortality associated with cervical cancers. An abnormal Pap smear prompts close observation for disease progression with the potential for the therapeutic interventions of destruction or excision of cancerous or pre-cancerous tissues. These excisional treatments are expensive,
10 uncomfortable and associated with failure rates that range from 2% to 23% and with higher failure rates reported for the more advanced lesions. Failure rates have recently been documented to approximate 10% following laser treatment.

The etiologic agent for cervical cancer was originally thought to be the herpes virus. However, there was a gradual shift from this focus on herpes virus to the human
15 papillomavirus (HPV). Improved experimental methods over the recent past have allowed the characterization of a full spectrum of HPV subtypes, which has resulted in the conclusion that the high risk HPV types (e.g., HPV 16, 18, and less frequently 31, 33, 35, 45) are very likely the exclusive initiating factor (i.e., oncogenic agent) for cervical dysplasia and subsequent cancers. The mechanism of HPV transformation of the normal
20 cell to a dysplastic cell is associated with the HPV encoded oncoproteins (E6 and E7) from the high risk genotypes binding the cell's tumor suppressor gene products p53 and Rb resulting in disruption of the cell cycle control mechanism in which p53 and Rb play an important role. In addition, the application of these molecular methods has resulted in the epidemiologic observation that HPV is isolated from approximately 93% of cervical
25 tumors, which has further strengthened the generally accepted conclusion that HPV infection is the most important initiating agent for cervical cancer.

Exposure to HPV is common in sexually active women, but it does not invariably lead to dysplasia or cancer in most of the exposed women. Infected women who harbor persistent viral DNA have about five times the chance of persistent dysplasia compared to
30 women who are able to eradicate the virus. The importance of cell-mediated immune response to HPV infection is illustrated by the observation that the antibody mediated immune response is not effective in eliminating established infections as is demonstrated

by the fact that patients with invasive cervical cancer often exhibit high antibody levels against the viral E6 and E7 proteins. This particular antibody response probably reflects extensive antigen exposure in the face of increasing tumor burden. In contrast to the apparently inconsequential effect of the humoral immune response; the cell-mediated immune response (Th-1-Type Response) appears to be effective in controlling tumor progression. Regression of intraepithelial lesions is accompanied by a cellular infiltrate consisting of CD4⁺ T-cells, CD8⁺ T-cells, natural killer cells (NK) and macrophages. This inflammatory infiltrate was usually associated with tumor regression that is in contrast to women who lack the ability to mount this inflammatory response and who experience disease progression. In addition, patients with a defect in cell-mediated immunity have increased cervical cancer rates, whereas those with defects in the production of antibody do not exhibit the same susceptibility.

Aqueous gels of the present invention may be applied to mucosal tissue with the use of a delivery device. Suitable devices include barrel type applicators, cervical caps, diaphragms, and solid matrices such as tampons, cotton sponges, cotton swabs, foam sponges, and suppositories. The IRM can be removed by withdrawing the device from contact with the mucosal tissue, if desired.

In some embodiments the device can be used in combination with the aqueous gel formulation. In one embodiment, a gel containing an IRM compound can be placed into the concave region of a cervical cap, which is then placed directly over the cervix. In another embodiment, a cotton or foam sponge can be used in combination with an aqueous gel of the present invention.

In some embodiments, an applicator may be used to place the device and/or gel in the proper location on the mucosal tissue. Examples of such applicators include, for example, paperboard or plastic tube applicators commonly used for inserting tampons or suppositories. A preferred applicator is a barrel type applicator, which may be prefilled or supplied in a kit together with a container of gel and filled by the patient.

EXAMPLES

The following examples have been selected merely to further illustrate features, advantages, and other details of the invention. It is to be expressly understood, however, that while the examples serve this purpose, the particular materials and amounts used as

well as other conditions and details are not to be construed in a matter that would unduly limit the scope of this invention.

The IRMs used to prepare the gels in the following examples are shown in Table 1.

Table 1		
IRM	Chemical Name	Reference
IRM1	4-(4-amino-2-propyl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl)- <i>N</i> -propylbutyramide	International Publication No. WO2005/094531 Example 2
IRM2	<i>N</i> -[2-(4-amino-7-benzyloxy-2-ethoxymethyl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]acetamide	International Publication No. WO2005/020999 Example 142
IRM3	3-(4-amino-2-propyl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl)propionamide hydrochloride	International Publication No. WO2005/094531 Example 18
IRM4	<i>N</i> -[2-(4-amino-2-ethoxymethyl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]- <i>N'</i> -isopropylurea	U.S. Patent No. 6,541,485 [#]
IRM5	<i>N</i> -[4-(4-amino-2-butyl-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl)butyl]methanesulfonamide	U.S. Patent No. 6,331,539 Example 6
IRM6	<i>N</i> -{4-[4-amino-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-1-yl]butyl}methanesulfonamide	U.S. Patent No. 6,331,539 Example 111
IRM7	1-(2-methylpropyl)-1 <i>H</i> -imidazo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-4-amine (imiquimod)	U.S. Patent No. 4,689,338 Example 99
IRM8	2-propylthiazolo[4,5- <i>c</i>]quinolin-4-amine hydrochloride	U.S. Patent No. 6,110,929 Example 14

5 [#]IRM4 is not specifically exemplified but can be readily prepared using the synthetic methods disclosed in the cited reference.

TEST METHOD

10 In the examples below the serum and intravaginal cytokine data were obtained using the following general test method.

Rats were acclimated to collars (Lomir Biomedical, Malone, NY) around the neck on two consecutive days prior to actual dosing. Rats were collared to prevent ingestion of the drug. Animals were then dosed intravaginally with 50 μ L of gel. Single dosed rats received one intravaginal dose with samples collected at various times following dosing.

15 Multiple dosed rats were dosed as described in the examples below with samples collected

at various times following the final dose. Blood was collected by cardiac puncture. Blood was allowed to clot briefly at room temperature and serum was separated from the clot via centrifugation. The serum was stored at -20°C until it was analyzed for cytokine concentrations.

5 Following blood collection, the rats were euthanized and their vaginal tract, including the cervix, was then removed and the tissue was weighed, placed in a sealed 1.8 mL cryovial and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. The frozen vaginal tissue sample was then suspended in 1.0 mL of RPMI medium (Celox, St. Paul, MN) containing 10% fetal bovine serum (Atlas, Fort Collins, CO), 2 mM L-glutamine, penicillin/streptomycin and 2-
10 mercaptoethanol (RPMI complete) combined with a protease inhibitor cocktail set III (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA). The tissue was homogenized using a Tissue Tearor (Biospec Products, Bartlesville, OK) for approximately one minute. The tissue suspension was then centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes under refrigeration to pellet the debris, and the supernatant collected and stored at -20°C until analyzed for cytokine
15 concentrations.

ELISA kits for rat tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF) were purchased from BD PharMingen (San Diego, CA) and the rat monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1) ELISA kits were purchased from BioSource Intl. (Camarillo, CA). Both kits were performed according to manufacturer's specifications. Results for both TNF and MCP-1
20 are expressed in pg/mL and are normalized per 200 mg of tissue. The sensitivity of the TNF ELISA, based on the lowest value used to form the standard curve, is 32 pg/mL and for the MCP-1 ELISA it is 12 pg/mL.

Examples 1 and 2

25 The gels shown in Table 2 below were prepared using the following method.
Step 1: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.
Step 2: The IRM was combined with the aqueous ethanesulfonic acid and a portion of the water.
Step 3: The solution from step 1 was combined with the mixture from step 2.
30 Step 4: Edetate disodium was dissolved in water. The carbomer was added to the solution and stirred until well hydrated.
Step 5: The dispersion from step 4 was combined with the mixture from step 3.

Step 6: 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH.

Step 7: Sufficient water was added to adjust the final weight and the gel was mixed well.

Table 2		
Ingredient	Gels (% w/w)	
	Ex 1 IRM1	Ex 2 IRM2
IRM	0.1	0.1
0.25 N ethanesulfonic acid	0.594	0.452
Carbomer 974P	2.1	2.1
Propylene glycol	15	15
Methylparaben	0.15	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	1.5	1.5
Purified water	80.48	80.62
pH	3.95	4.07

Example 3

The gel shown in Table 3 below was prepared using the following method.

Step 1: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.

Step 2: IRM3 was combined with a portion of the water.

Step 3: The solution from step 1 was combined with the mixture from step 2 and heated to

55°C and ultrasonicated.

Step 4: Edetate disodium was dissolved in water. The carbomer was added to the solution and stirred until well hydrated.

Step 5: The dispersion from step 4 was combined with the mixture from step 3.

Step 6: 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH.

Step 7: Sufficient water was added to adjust the final weight and the gel was mixed well.

Table 3	
Ingredient	(% w/w)
IRM 3	0.1
Carbomer 974P	2.1
Propylene glycol	15
Methylparaben	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	1.5
Purified water	80.65
pH	3.99

The ability of the gels of Examples 1 - 3 to induce cytokines was determined using the test method described above. The animals received an intravaginal dose once a day on day 0 and on day 3 for a total of 2 doses. The results are shown in Table 4 below where
5 each value is the mean of 3 animals \pm SEM (standard error of the mean).

Table 4					
Time (hours) Post Dose	Gel	Cytokine Concentrations			
		TNF (pg/mL)		MCP-1 (pg/mL)	
		Serum	Tissue	Serum	Tissue
2	Example 1	36 \pm 18	356 \pm 14	136 \pm 23	226 \pm 35
2	Example 2	84 \pm 16	1736 \pm 794	147 \pm 33	588 \pm 221
2	Example 3	97 \pm 6	568 \pm 458	114 \pm 33	282 \pm 192
4	Example 1	53 \pm 10	273 \pm 172	77 \pm 28	501 \pm 291
4	Example 2	79 \pm 6	1064 \pm 290	15 \pm 15	1839 \pm 113
4	Example 3	49 \pm 9	188 \pm 48	161 \pm 13	637 \pm 252
6	Example 1	44 \pm 3	210 \pm 19	161 \pm 38	756 \pm 205
6	Example 2	73 \pm 10	743 \pm 211	260 \pm 14	1857 \pm 276
6	Example 3	56 \pm 13	105 \pm 37	218 \pm 63	444 \pm 298
4	¹ Vehicle	101 \pm 32	94 \pm 10	173 \pm 20	176 \pm 59

¹Vehicle (2.1 % carbomer 974, 15 % propylene glycol, 0.15 % methylparaben, 0.03 % propylparaben, 0.05 % edetate sodium, 1.35% 20% tromethamine solution, and 81.32 % water)

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Examples 4 – 6

The gels in Table 5 below were prepared using the following general method.

Step 1: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.

Step 2: IRM4 was dissolved in the aqueous ethanesulfonic acid.

15 Step 3: The solution from step 1 was combined with the solution from step 2.

Step 4: Edetate disodium was dissolved in water. The carbomer and xanthan gum, if used, were added to the solution and stirred until well hydrated.

Step 5: The dispersion from step 4 was combined with the solution from step 3.

Step 6: 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH.

5 Step 7: Sufficient water was added to adjust the final weight and the gel was mixed well.

Table 5			
Ingredient	Gels (% w/w)		
	Ex 4	Ex 5	Ex 6
IRM4	0.01	0.1	1
0.5 N ethanesulfonic acid	0.054	0.54	5.4
Carbomer 974P	1.7	1.7	2
Xanthan gum	0.0	0.0	0.56
Propylene glycol	15	15	30
Methylparaben	0.15	0.15	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03	0.03	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05	0.05	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	0.7	0.5	1.9
Purified water	82.31	81.93	58.91
pH	3.9	3.9	4.3

The ability of the gels of Examples 4 - 6 to induce cytokines following a single dose was determined using the test method described above. The results are shown in

10 Table 6 below where each value is the mean of 5 animals \pm SEM.

Table 6					
Time (hours) Post Dose	Gel	Cytokine Concentrations			
		TNF (pg/mL)		MCP-1 (pg/mL)	
		Serum	Tissue	Serum	Tissue
2	Example 4	16±2	331±24	96±4	134±57
2	Example 5	19±6	433±64	91±11	298±104
2	Example 6	45±21	853±150	90±6	501±111
4	Example 4	11±6	257±9	115±10	112±41
4	Example 5	30±6	397±32	123±13	462±159
4	Example 6	70±32	700±86	103±9	866±150
8	Example 4	13±5	297±11	142±13	283±84
8	Example 5	21±5	275±21	146±16	337±96
8	Example 6	14±2	557±232	171±23	641±144
4	¹ Vehicle	37±14	255±15	108±16	9±3

¹Vehicle (2 % carbomer 974, 30 % propylene glycol, 0.15 % methylparaben, 0.03 % propylparaben, 0.05 % edetate sodium, 0.3% of 20% tromethamine solution, and 67.47 % water)

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Examples 7 and 8

The gels shown in Table 7 were prepared using the following general method.

Step 1: IRM2 was combined with the aqueous ethanesulfonic acid and a portion of the water. The combination was mixed until the IRM was dissolved.

Step 2: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.

10 Step 3: Edetate sodium was dissolved in water. The carbomer was added and the mixture was stirred until the carbomer was hydrated.

Step 4: The solution from step 2 was added to the solution from step 1 and the combination was mixed until uniform.

15 Step 5: The dispersion from step 3 was added to the solution from step 4 and the combination was mixed until a uniform, smooth gel was obtained.

Step 6: Sufficient 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH to about 4.

Step 7: Sufficient water was added to adjust the final weight and the gel was mixed well until uniform.

Table 7		
Ingredient	Gels (% w/w)	
	Ex 7	Ex 8
IRM2	0.01	0.1
Ethanesulfonic acid (0.5M + 5% extra)	0.0455	0.455
Carbomer 974P	2.1	2.1
Propylene glycol	15	15
Methylparaben	0.15	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	qs pH 4	qs pH 4
Purified water	qs 100	qs 100
pH	4.1	4.2

Example 9

The gel shown in Table 8 was prepared using the following general method.

- Step 1: IRM2 was combined with the aqueous ethanesulfonic acid and a portion of the
 5 water. The combination was mixed until the IRM was dissolved.
- Step 2: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.
- Step 3: Edetate sodium was dissolved in water. The carbomer was added and the mixture
 was stirred until the carbomer was hydrated.
- Step 4: The solution from step 2 was added to the solution from step 1 and the
 10 combination was mixed until uniform.
- Step 5: The dispersion from step 3 was added to the solution from step 4. The
 combination was mixed well resulting in a milky, fluid dispersion.
- Step 6: Sufficient 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH to about 4 and the
 dispersion thickened and foamed.
- 15 Step 7: Xanthan gum was mixed with water and then added to the dispersion from step 6.
 The mixture was heated at 50 °C with stirring for 4 hours. The gel was allowed to cool to
 ambient temperature overnight with stirring.

Table 8	
Ingredient	(% w/w)
IRM4	1
Ethanesulfonic acid (0.5M + 5% extra)	4.565
Carbomer 974P	2.1
Xanthan gum	0.2
Propylene glycol	15
Methylparaben	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	qs pH 4
Purified water	qs 100
pH	4.0

The ability of the gels of Examples 7 - 9 to induce cytokines following a single dose was determined using the test method described above. The gel of Example 9 was stirred prior to dosing to minimize air bubbles. The results are shown in Table 9 below where each value is the mean of 6 animals \pm SEM.

Table 9					
Time (hours) Post Dose	Gel	Cytokine Concentrations			
		TNF (pg/mL)		MCP-1 (pg/mL)	
		Serum	Tissue	Serum	Tissue
0.5	Example 7	159 \pm 49	315 \pm 63	212 \pm 66	34 \pm 1
0.5	Example 8	716 \pm 341	288 \pm 22	239 \pm 57	59 \pm 21
0.5	Example 9	359 \pm 220	375 \pm 85	130 \pm 33	39 \pm 2
1	Example 7	199 \pm 76	343 \pm 79	110 \pm 39	41 \pm 7
1	Example 8	237 \pm 123	340 \pm 93	156 \pm 65	34 \pm 2
1	Example 9	306 \pm 160	681 \pm 222	119 \pm 40	74 \pm 30
4	Example 7	165 \pm 50	915 \pm 175	261 \pm 64	476 \pm 127
4	Example 8	105 \pm 10	1165 \pm 250	247 \pm 32	1098 \pm 307
4	Example 9	233 \pm 144	1628 \pm 202	254 \pm 38	1217 \pm 271
8	Example 7	133 \pm 18	1190 \pm 368	279 \pm 27	583 \pm 67
8	Example 8	166 \pm 51	1029 \pm 268	259 \pm 36	923 \pm 131
8	Example 9	159 \pm 44	1336 \pm 149	325 \pm 44	1895 \pm 254
4	¹ Vehicle	125 \pm 0	642 \pm 101	191 \pm 39	88 \pm 41

¹Vehicle (2.1 % carbomer 974, 0.4 % xanthan gum, 15 % propylene glycol, 0.15 % methylparaben, 0.03 % propylparaben, 0.05 % edetate sodium, 20% tromethamine solution qs to pH 4.0, and water qs to 100%)

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Examples 10 and 11

The gels shown in Table 10 were prepared using the following general method.

Step 1: The IRM was combined with the aqueous ethanesulfonic acid and the combination was mixed until the IRM was dissolved.

Step 2: The parabens were dissolved in the propylene glycol.

Step 3: Edetate sodium was dissolved in the bulk of the water. The carbomer was added
5 and the mixture was stirred until the carbomer was hydrated.

Step 4: The solution from step 2 was added to the solution from step 1 and the combination was mixed until uniform.

Step 5: The dispersion from step 3 was added in portions to the solution from step 4 and the combination was mixed well.

10 Step 6: 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH to about 4.

Step 7: Sufficient water was added to adjust the final weight and the gel was mixed well until uniform.

Table 10		
Ingredient	Gels (% w/w)	
	Ex 10	Ex 11
IRM	0.05 IRM5	0.5 IRM6
Ethanesulfonic acid (0.05 N)	2.76	0
Ethanesulfonic acid (0.02 N)	0	6.8
Carbomer 974P	3.3	3.5
Propylene glycol	15	15
Methylparaben	0.15	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	3.2	4.5
Purified water	qs 100	qs 100
pH	*	4.4

*Not measured

The ability of the gels of Examples 10 and 11 to induce cytokines following a
15 single dose was determined using the test method described above except that the dose was 100 μ L instead of 50 μ L. The results are shown in Table 11 below where each value is the mean of 3 animals \pm SEM (standard error of the mean).

Table 11					
Time (hours) Post Dose	Gel	Cytokine Concentrations			
		TNF (pg/mL)		MCP-1 (pg/mL)	
		Serum	Tissue	Serum	Tissue
2	Example 10	0 ± 0	230 ± 23	83 ± 7	276 ± 27
2	Example 11	33 ± 33	101 ± 28	96 ± 7	31 ± 4
4	Example 10	0 ± 0	169 ± 52	123 ± 36	411 ± 241
4	Example 11	0 ± 0	214 ± 19	87 ± 6	197 ± 72
2	Untreated	0 ± 0	90 ± 17	77 ± 7	26 ± 2

Example 12

The gel shown in Table 12 was prepared using the following general method.

- Step 1: IRM7 was combined with the aqueous methanesulfonic acid and mixed. Water
5 was added in portions until the IRM was completely dissolved.
- Step 2: The edetate sodium was dissolved in the bulk of the water.
- Step 3: The hydroxypropyl cellulose was combined with propylene glycol (about two thirds of the amount used to achieve the final weight percent) and the combination was mixed to form a slurry.
- 10 Step 4: The carbomer was slowly added to the solution from step 2. The mixture was stirred until the carbomer was fully hydrated.
- Step 5: The slurry from step 3 was added to the mixture from step 4 and mixed thoroughly.
- Step 6: The parabens were dissolved in propylene glycol (about one third of the amount
15 used to achieve the final weight percent).
- Step 7: The solution from step 6 was added to the solution from step 1 and thoroughly mixed.
- Step 8: The solution from step 7 was slowly added to the mixture from step 5 with mixing.
- 20 Step 9: 20% tromethamine was added to adjust the pH to 4.

Table 12	
Ingredient	(% w/w)
IRM7	0.05
Methanesulfonic acid (0.15 M)	14.6
Carbomer 974P	3.5
¹ Hydroxypropyl cellulose	0.50
Propylene glycol	15
Methylparaben	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	qs pH 4
Purified water	qs 100
pH	4.0

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Examples 13 – 15

The gels in Table 13 below were prepared using the following general method.

- 5 Step 1: The parabens were dissolved in propylene glycol (about one third of the amount used to achieve the final weight percent).
- Step 2: IRM8 and a small portion of the water were added to the solution from step 1. The mixture was stirred until the IRM was completely dissolved.
- Step 3: The edetate sodium was dissolved in the bulk of the water.
- 10 Step 4: The hydroxypropyl cellulose was slowly added with stirring to propylene glycol (about two thirds of the amount used to achieve the final weight percent).
- Step 5: The mixture from step 4 was added to the solution from step 3.
- Step 6: The carbomer was slowly added with stirring to the mixture from step 5. Stirring was continued until the carbomer was fully hydrated.
- 15 Step 7: About half of the 20 % tromethamine solution was slowly added with stirring to the mixture from step 6.
- Step 8: The solution from step 2 was slowly added with stirring to the mixture from step 7.
- Step 9: The remainder of the 20 % tromethamine solution was slowly added with stirring
- 20 to the mixture from step 8. Stirring was continued until a uniform gel was obtained.

Table 13			
Ingredient	Gels (% w/w)		
	Ex 13	Ex 14	Ex 15
IRM8	0.0574	0.574	1.148
Carbomer 974P	2.00	3.50	3.50
Hydroxypropyl cellulose (HF grade)	0.50	0.50	0.50
Propylene glycol	15.0	15.0	15.0
Methylparaben	0.15	0.15	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03	0.03	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05	0.05	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	0.94	3.47	5.00
Purified water	qs 100	qs 100	qs 100

Example 16

The gel shown in Table 14 below was prepared using the following general method of Examples 13 – 15 except that all of the 20% tromethamine solution was added in step 7.

Table 14	
Ingredient	(% w/w)
IRM8	0.00574
Carbomer 974P	2.0
Hydroxypropyl cellulose (HF grade)	0.5
Propylene glycol	15.0
Methylparaben	0.15
Propylparaben	0.03
Edetate disodium	0.05
20% Tromethamine solution	0.94
Purified water	qs 100
pH	4.0

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The ability of the gels of Examples 13 - 16 to induce cytokines following a single dose was determined using the test method described above except that the dose was 100 μ L instead of 50 μ L. The results are shown in Table 15 below where each value is the mean of 6 animals \pm SEM (standard error of the mean).

Table 15					
Time (hours) Post Dose	Gel	Cytokine Concentrations			
		TNF (pg/mL)		MCP-1 (pg/mL)	
		Serum	Tissue	Serum	Tissue
2	Example 16	2 ± 1	214 ± 29	83 ± 12	315 ± 122
2	Example 13	0 ± 0	285 ± 52	115 ± 25	609 ± 111
2	Example 14	2 ± 1	328 ± 18	98 ± 13	895 ± 132
2	Example 15	3 ± 1	428 ± 27	95 ± 21	1202 ± 72
2	¹ Vehicle	7 ± 5	159 ± 18	94 ± 16	47 ± 7
4	Example 16	0 ± 0	234 ± 34	118 ± 21	727 ± 172
4	Example 13	5 ± 3	196 ± 26	121 ± 9	1027 ± 81
4	Example 14	2 ± 1	246 ± 32	166 ± 33	1422 ± 120
4	Example 15	0 ± 0	246 ± 25	175 ± 40	1257 ± 224
4	¹ Vehicle	0 ± 0	155 ± 25	117 ± 15	30 ± 3
6	Example 16	0 ± 0	110 ± 10	160 ± 16	457 ± 88
6	Example 13	2 ± 2	151 ± 19	137 ± 34	574 ± 71
6	Example 14	1 ± 0	191 ± 37	188 ± 43	1121 ± 213
6	Example 15	3 ± 3	177 ± 24	221 ± 27	1183 ± 139
6	¹ Vehicle	8 ± 5	117 ± 26	148 ± 16	28 ± 4

¹Vehicle (2.00 % carbomer 974, 0.50 % hydroxypropyl cellulose, 15.0 % propylene glycol, 0.15 % methylparaben, 0.03 % propylparaben, 0.05 % edetate sodium, 0.94 % 20% tromethamine solution, and water qs to 100%)

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The complete disclosures of the patents, patent documents, and publications cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety as if each were individually incorporated. Various modifications and alterations to this invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of this invention. It should be understood that this invention is not intended to be unduly limited by the illustrative embodiments and examples set forth herein and that such examples and embodiments are presented by way of example only with the scope of the invention intended to be limited only by the claims set forth herein as follows.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An aqueous gel comprising:
water;
an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-
5 imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine;
a pharmaceutically acceptable acid;
a water-miscible cosolvent; and
a thickener system comprising a negatively charged thickener;
wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.
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2. An aqueous gel prepared by a method comprising combining components
comprising:
water;
an immune response modifier (IRM) other than 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-
15 imidazo[4,5-*c*][1,5]naphthyridin-4-amine, or a salt thereof;
a water-miscible cosolvent; and
a thickener system comprising a negatively charged thickener;
wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity of at least 1000 cps at 25°C.
- 20 3. The aqueous gel of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the IRM in its free base form has an
intrinsic aqueous solubility of less than 500 µg at 25°C.
4. The aqueous gel of claim 1 or claim 3 as dependent on claim 1 wherein the
pharmaceutically acceptable acid is present in a stoichiometric amount relative to the IRM.
- 25 5. The aqueous gel of claim 1, claim 3 as dependent on claim 1, or claim 4 wherein
the pharmaceutically acceptable acid is selected from the group consisting of an
alkylsulfonic acid, an arylsulfonic acid, a carboxylic acid, a halo acid, sulfuric acid,
phosphoric acid, a dicarboxylic acid, a tricarboxylic acid, and combinations thereof.
- 30 6. The aqueous gel of claim 5 wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting
of acetic acid, hydrobromic acid, hydrochloric acid, methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic

acid, D-gluconic acid, D- and L-lactic acid, propionic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, citric acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, sulfuric acid, D- and L-tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, and combinations thereof.

5 7. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 6 wherein the IRM is provided as a salt.

8. The aqueous gel of claim 7 wherein the IRM salt is a salt of an acid selected from the group consisting of an alkylsulfonic acid, an arylsulfonic acid, a carboxylic acid, a halo
10 acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, a dicarboxylic acid, a tricarboxylic acid, and combinations thereof.

9. The aqueous gel of claim 8 wherein the IRM salt is a salt of an acid selected from the group consisting of hydrobromic acid, hydrochloric acid, methanesulfonic acid,
15 ethanesulfonic acid, acetic acid, D-gluconic acid, D- and L-lactic acid, propionic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, citric acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, sulfuric acid, D- and L-tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, and combinations thereof.

10. The aqueous gel of claim 8 wherein the IRM is an alkylsulfonate salt.
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11. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 10 wherein the IRM is selected from the group consisting of imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinolines, imidazopyridine amines, 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines, imidazonaphthyridine amines, tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline
25 amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; pyrazolopyridine amines; pyrazoloquinoline amines; tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines; pyrazolonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines; 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or
30 tetrahydronaphthyridine amines; and combinations thereof.

12. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 11 wherein the IRM is selected from the group consisting of imidazoquinoline amines, tetrahydroimidazoquinolines, imidazopyridine amines, 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines, imidazonaphthyridine amines, tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines; and combinations thereof.
- 10 13. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 12 wherein the IRM is an imidazoquinoline amine.
14. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 13 wherein the IRM is 1-(2-methylpropyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine.
- 15 15. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 12 wherein the IRM is 2-propylthiazolo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-4-amine.
16. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 11 wherein the IRM is selected from the group consisting of amide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy or arylalkyleneoxy substituted imidazoquinoline amines, and imidazoquinoline diamines; amide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline

amines, and tetrahydroimidazoquinoline diamines; amide substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine amines, aryl ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, amido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine ethers, and thioether substituted imidazopyridine amines; 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amines; 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines; imidazonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazolonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; pyrazolopyridine amines; pyrazoloquinoline amines; tetrahydropyrazoloquinoline amines; pyrazolonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydropyrazolonaphthyridine amines; 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines; and combinations thereof.

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17. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 12 or 16 wherein the IRM is selected from the group consisting of amide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted imidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted imidazoquinoline amines, 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy or arylalkyleneoxy substituted imidazoquinoline amines, and imidazoquinoline diamines; amide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamide substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, aryl ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, heterocyclic ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, amido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, sulfonamido ether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, urea substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline ethers, thioether substituted tetrahydroimidazoquinoline amines, and tetrahydroimidazoquinoline diamines; amide substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamide substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine amines, aryl ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, heterocyclic ether substituted

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imidazopyridine amines, amido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, sulfonamido ether substituted imidazopyridine amines, urea substituted imidazopyridine ethers, and thioether substituted imidazopyridine amines; 1,2-bridged imidazoquinoline amines; 6,7-fused cycloalkylimidazopyridine amines; imidazonaphthyridine amines; tetrahydroimidazonaphthyridine amines; oxazoloquinoline amines; thiazoloquinoline amines; oxazolopyridine amines; thiazolopyridine amines; oxazolonaphthyridine amines; thiazolonaphthyridine amines; 1*H*-imidazo dimers fused to pyridine amines, quinoline amines, tetrahydroquinoline amines, naphthyridine amines, or tetrahydronaphthyridine amines; and combinations thereof.

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18. The aqueous gel of claim 16 wherein the IRM is an amide substituted imidazoquinoline amine.

15 19. The aqueous gel of claim 18 wherein the IRM is selected from the group consisting of 3-(4-amino-2-propyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)propionamide, *N*-[2-(4-amino-7-benzyloxy-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]acetamide, and 4-(4-amino-2-propyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-*N*-propylbutyramide.

20 20. The aqueous gel of claim 19 wherein the IRM is *N*-[2-(4-amino-7-benzyloxy-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]acetamide.

21. The aqueous gel of claim 16 wherein the IRM is a urea substituted imidazoquinoline amine.

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22. The aqueous gel of claim 21 wherein the IRM is *N*-[2-(4-amino-2-ethoxymethyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*c*]quinolin-1-yl)ethyl]-*N'*-isopropylurea.

23. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 22 wherein the IRM is present in
30 an amount of at least 0.0001 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

24. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 23 wherein the water-miscible cosolvent is present in an amount of at least 10 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
- 5 25. The aqueous gel of claim 24 wherein the water-miscible cosolvent is present in an amount of greater than 25 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
26. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 25 wherein the water-miscible cosolvent is present in an amount of no greater than 90 wt-%, based on the total weight of
10 the aqueous gel.
27. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 26 wherein the water-miscible cosolvent is selected from the group consisting of monopropylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, hexylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, diethylene glycol
15 monoethyl ether, and combinations thereof.
28. The aqueous gel of claim 27 wherein the water-miscible cosolvent comprises monopropylene glycol.
- 20 29. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 28 wherein the thickener system further comprises a non-ionic thickener.
30. The aqueous gel of claim 29 wherein the non-ionic thickener is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, and hydroxypropyl
25 cellulose,
31. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 30 wherein the thickener system comprises at least two negatively charged thickeners of differing charge density.
- 30 32. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 31 wherein the negatively charged thickener comprises a cellulose ether, a polysaccharide gum, an acrylic acid polymer, or combinations thereof.

33. The aqueous gel of claim 32 wherein the thickener system comprises a polysaccharide gum and an acrylic acid polymer.
- 5 34. The aqueous gel of claim 33 wherein the ratio of polysaccharide gum to acrylic acid polymer is 1:20 to 20:1.
35. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 34 wherein the negatively charged thickener includes carboxylic acid and/or carboxylate groups.
- 10 36. The aqueous gel of claim 35 wherein the thickener system comprises at least two negatively charged thickeners selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose sodium, xanthan gum, an acrylic acid polymer, and combinations thereof.
- 15 37. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 36 wherein the thickener system is present in an amount of at least 0.1 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
38. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 37 wherein the thickener system is
20 present in an amount of no greater than 7 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
39. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 38 wherein water is present in an amount of at least 10 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
- 25 40. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 39 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable pH adjusting agent.
41. The aqueous gel of claim 40 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable pH adjusting
30 agent is selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, tromethamine, potassium hydroxide, and combinations thereof.

42. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 41 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer.
43. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 42 having a pH of 2 to 5.
- 5 44. The aqueous gel of claim 43 having a pH of 3 to 4.
45. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 44 further comprising a preservative.
- 10 46. The aqueous gel of claim 45 wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium compounds, benzethonium chloride, parabens, boric acid, isothiazolinone, organic acids, alcohols, carbamates, chlorhexidine, and combinations thereof.
- 15 47. The aqueous gel of claim 46 wherein the preservative is selected from the group consisting of methylparaben, propylparaben, and combinations thereof.
48. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 45 through 47 wherein the preservative is
20 present in an amount of at least 0.005 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
49. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 45 through 48 wherein the preservative is present in an amount of no greater than 1.0 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.
- 25 50. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 49 further comprising a chelating agent.
51. The aqueous gel of claim 50 wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group
30 consisting of ethylenediaminetetracetic acid, ethylenediaminetetracetic acid disodium salt, ethylenediaminetetracetic acid disodium salt dehydrate, and combinations thereof.

52. The aqueous gel of claim 51 wherein the chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt dihydrate.

53. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 50 through 52 wherein the chelating agent is present in an amount of at least 0.001 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

54. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 50 through 53 wherein the chelating agent is present in an amount of no greater than 2.0 wt-%, based on the total weight of the aqueous gel.

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55. The aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 54 with the proviso that the negatively charged thickener is not covalently bonded to the IRM.

56. A method of delivering an IRM to mucosal tissue of a subject, the method comprising applying the aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 55 to the mucosal tissue.

57. The method of claim 56 wherein the mucosal tissue is associated with a condition selected from the group consisting of a cervical dysplasia, a papilloma virus infection of the cervix, a low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, a high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, a cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, an atopic allergic response, allergic rhinitis, a neoplastic lesion, and a premalignant lesion.

58. The method of claim 57 wherein the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is selected from the group consisting of cervical dysplasia, high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, and atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance with the presence of high risk HPV.

59. The method of claim 58 wherein the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance with the presence of high risk HPV.

60. The method of claim 57 wherein the mucosal tissue is on the cervix and the associated condition is a papilloma virus infection of the cervix.
- 5 61. The method of any one of claims 56 through 60 wherein the aqueous gel is applied to the mucosal tissue using a device selected from the group consisting of a barrel type applicator, a tampon, a cervical cap, a diaphragm, a cotton swab, a cotton sponge, a foam sponge, and a suppository.
- 10 62. The method of claim 61 wherein the device is a barrel type applicator.
63. The method of claim 62 wherein the barrel type applicator is prefilled.
64. A kit comprising a barrel type applicator and an aqueous gel of any one of claims 1
15 through 55.
65. The kit of claim 64 wherein the kit includes a container separate from the applicator that includes the aqueous gel.
- 20 66. A method of inducing cytokine biosynthesis in a subject, the method comprising administering an aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 55 to the subject.
67. A method of treating a viral disease in a subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering an aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 55 to the subject.
- 25 68. A method of treating a neoplastic disease in a subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering an aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 55 to the subject.
69. A method of treating a dermal and/or mucosal condition in a subject in need
30 thereof, the method comprising applying an aqueous gel of any one of claims 1 through 55 to the affected area of the subject.

70. The method of claim 69 wherein the dermal and/or mucosal condition is selected from the group consisting of herpes, keloids, warts, molluscum, or combinations thereof.

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